

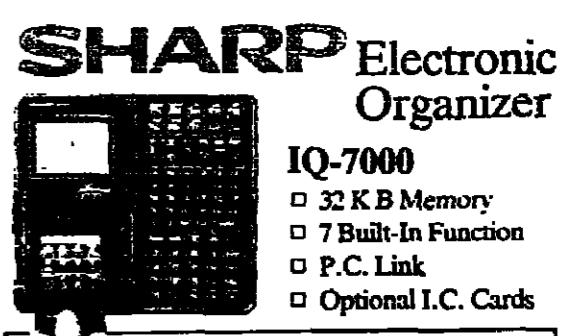
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America is Arab enemy No. 2: Zayed

ABU DHABI, Dec 3, (AP): United Arab Emirates President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan today denounced the United States as the "Arabs' No. 2 enemy" for its support of Israel at the expense of the Palestinians.

"Israel is our No. 1 enemy, and America is our No. 2 enemy," he told a press conference at the culmination of nation-wide celebrations marking the 18th anniversary of the UAE.

"America supports Israel in its intransigence against the rightful cause of the Palestinians,"

Sheikh Zayed said.

He said the United States stands to lose the friendship of 21 Arab powers by "exaggerating its support for Israel."

Otherwise, he said, the UAE "has warm and friendly relations with America."

Answering a wide range of questions by Arab and foreign reporters, Sheikh Zayed lauded Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev for introducing "appreciable changes" for his people.

But he cautioned the Arabs against hinging any

hopes on the US-Soviet summit talks, contending that "the two superpowers care more about their own interests and less about everything else."

The 71-year-old president rejected the concept of Arab unity as a "meaningless hallucination." He stressed that ideas of "integration or co-operation are far more meaningful."

"I have been hearing the term unity for 40 years now but have seen nothing real, nothing tangible, of it," he said. "We have opted for co-operation, as opposed to unity in the common sense of the term in

our parlance."

He was referring to the creation of the Gulf Cooperation Council, a six-nation economic integration and collective defence pact grouping Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Oman, Qatar and the UAE.

"I once told the Syrians 'you squandered unity once and shouldn't ask for a second chance to squander it again,'" he said, alluding to Syria's breakaway from its union with Egypt in 1961.

He insisted that the Arabs will "deal with East

and West on basis of their support for the Arabs... it is essentially a question of reciprocation in kind. If the Americans or any other power is good to us, then we will be good, or better, in repaying this. If she is bad, then we know how to respond."

"We have tried the Soviet Union and found that they build their ties with other powers on mutual respect," he said. "What we hate most is meddling of any power in our country's domestic affairs. The Soviets don't do that."

The Sheikh heaped praise on Britain and, contrary to widespread Arab sentiments, insisted that "the British never colonised us."

"When the British occupation forces were here, we had no food to eat," he contended. "What would they colonise us for? In fact, when the British wanted to evacuate our land we asked them to stay on. Britain is the one European power closest to us, a power without drawbacks, a power worthy of respect."

Singh pledges help for poor

NEW DELHI, Dec 3, (Reuter): V.P. Singh, in his first address as India's new prime minister, today promised to devote half of government resources to villages, where most of the country's 810 million people live.

He also said an independent agency would be set up to investigate corruption, following a scandal over alleged bribes paid by Swedish arms manufacturer Bofors to win a \$1.3-billion artillery contract.

The scandal was one of the main factors leading to the election defeat of Singh's predecessor, Rajiv Gandhi, in the general election late last month.

"Even the prime minister is not above such scrutiny," Singh, who was sworn in yesterday, said in his televised speech. "Our democracy has to be liberated from the evil influence of money power."

He pledged that "if power is a sword, it will be wielded on behalf of the poor and toiling masses."

"India lives in its villages. Today, there is flight of wealth, labour and talent from these villages. As long as this continues, villages will be economically weak," said Singh, an adopted member of a minor princely family.

"We have resolved that at least half of the government resources will be channelled to rural areas," added Singh, who was finance minister and briefly defence minister in the Rajiv government. He resigned in April 1987 amid a furor over his probe into the Bofors scandal.

Singh promised to forgive the debts of landless farmers and rural workers, and to introduce legislation to devolve power from the central government to the villages.

"The fire of hunger can be extinguished by food. But the fire that ignites the mind of the dispossessed can only culminate in revolution," he declared.

Singh heads a fragile minority government that depends on the support of two groups that detest each other — the left-wing Marxist parties and the right-wing Hindu Bharatiya Janata Party.

Singh said state-run television and radio, which the opposition accused of being a mouthpiece of Rajiv's Congress Party, "would be given autonomy."

Final results

Final results in the Indian General Election after 525 seats declared out of 525 contested:

Congress (and regional allies) 209

National Front 144

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) 88

Communist Party of India (Marxist) (CPI-M) 32

Communist Party of India (CPI) 12

Others 40

Weather

CLOUDY weather continues and a chance for rain with light north-easterly wind.

State of gen: Moderate

High water: 2.00 am, 4.00 pm

Low water: 10.00 am, 10.00 pm

Sunrise: 6.28 am

Sunset: 4.49 pm

Maximum temperatures recorded:

Kuwait: 14°C 57°F

Ahmed: 15°C 59°F

Falak: 15°C 59°F

Minimum temperatures recorded:

Kuwait: 12°C 54°F

Ahmed: 13°C 55°F

Falak: 13°C 55°F

Maximum temperatures expected:

Kuwait: 16°C 61°F

Ahmed: 15°C 59°F

Falak: 15°C 59°F

Maximum humidity recorded:

Kuwait: 82 per cent

Ahmed: 86 per cent

Falak: 100 per cent

Rebels hold out in Makati; hand-to-hand combat for Aguinaldo



Sikh seeks peace

Undercover activities 'must stop'

AMRITSAR, Dec 3, (Agencies): A Sikh militant newly-elected to Parliament and just freed from jail and from charges he plotted the assassination of former Indian prime minister Indira Gandhi, said today he wanted to bring peace to Punjab.

He will try and bring peace and tranquility back to Punjab," former senior policeman Simranjeet Singh Mann said.

Mann, one of nine hardliners voted into Parliament last week, was speaking shortly after he was freed from jail, the charges against him dropped, and flown to Amritsar, the Sikh holy city.

He said he had no immediate ideas of how peace would be returned to Punjab. A bloody Sikh separatist campaign has cost more than 1,900 lives this year.

"I have been totally out of touch during five years in jail. I don't know what is going on. Please give me some time," he said in an interview.

Mann said the new government replacing that of Rajiv Gandhi, Indira Gandhi's son, would have to end what he called its undercover activities stirring trouble if peace were to be established.

He said he had heard from other Sikh leaders in the hours since his release of government agents robbing, stealing, extorting and even killing in the guise of militants.

"The government must expose these acts," he said Mann, who was mobbed by supporters when he went to the Golden Temple, Sikhdom's holiest shrine.

Another alleged conspirator elected to Parliament from his prison cell, Ainder Pal Singh, was expected to be freed next week.

'Crushed' ... almost

What they started, we'll finish — Cory; 600 surrender

MANILA, Dec 3, (Agencies): Government forces battled rebellious soldiers among skyscrapers in the financial district today after repelling the mutineers' assault on military headquarters. More than 600 rebels surrendered.

President Corazon Aquino, facing the gravest challenge yet to her nearly four-year administration, ruled out a ceasefire and vowed: "What they started, we will finish."

But she turned down suggestions by cabinet members that she declare a "state of siege," said assistant Press Secretary Lourdes Syangco. That would be tantamount to martial law.

At least 56 people have been killed and more than 500 wounded since Friday, according to hospital and Red Cross figures. That included Brig. Gen. Alexander Aguirre, the officer tasked with securing the financial district. He was wounded today in the leg.

In addition, more than 10,000 people fled their homes to escape the fighting and were housed in schools, churches and other refugee centers. Many shops were closed. Garbage piled high in the streets because workers were prevented from collecting it.

Schools were closed indefinitely but government employees were ordered to report for work tomorrow. Officials planned to reopen the international airport at noon (0400 GMT) tomorrow.

Rebels blasted through the gates of the sprawling camp with an armoured vehicle, which was struck by ground fire. After a fierce four-hour battle, sometimes hand-to-hand, the rebels sought a ceasefire. Their commander, Maj. Cesar dela Pena, surrendered with about 200 men a few hours later.

Later today, Brig. Gen. Marcelo Blando, commander of Fort Magsaysay, surrendered in the city's Greenhills district with about 400 army soldiers and elite scout rangers, military officials said.

Hundreds of other rebels,

however, held out in Makati, where they seized 11 buildings and about 500 residents.

Government troops blocked off avenues leading to Makati.

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Flights grounded

Yesterday's flights to Manila were cancelled as all the airlines operating to the Philippines. At the time of going to press last night, airlines had not reverted to their original schedules to fly to Manila. Flights are expected to resume once things return to normal in Manila.

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Peace with Iran is close, says Saddam

BAGHDAD, Dec 3, (Reuter): Iraqi President Saddam Hussein said yesterday that full peace "a meeting could be held at the level of the two countries' leadership... whether in Baghdad or Tehran or any other place to be agreed."

He regretted that both sides were still holding thousands of prisoners of war.

"I used to tell you that victory was at hand," the official Iraqi News Agency quoted Saddam as telling relatives of the dead from the eight-year Gulf war.

"Now I see peace is coming,

and with God's help I can say,

feel it with my hands."

Big 2 to work for peace in Lebanon

MARSAXLOKK BAY, Malta, Dec 3, (AP): Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev said today he agreed with US President George Bush that the superpowers should do "our very best" to help bring peace to Lebanon.

"There's a real chance of taking a decisive step to open a process of a settlement," Gorbachev told a news conference after two days of talks with Bush. "And what it's important to do is not to miss the opportunity to do that, because the situation changes very swiftly."

Bush said: "We have found that the Soviet Union is playing a constructive role in the Lebanon and trying throughout the Middle East" to support a settlement.

He apparently was referring to Moscow's influence with Syria, which has 40,000 troops in Lebanon and that fought with Muslim militia forces against the mostly Christian army of Gen. Michel Aoun.

"We do not want to see any more killing in Lebanon," Bush said, adding that Gorbachev "agrees with us" and has "very actively" supported an Arab League-mediated plan.

"Lebanon was discussed in detail (at the summit), and we would like to see a return to a peaceful, democratic Lebanon," Bush said. "We are trying any way we can to help."

"President Bush thought that we had more possibilities, and I thought that we had equal possibilities in order to resolve positively this conflict," he said.

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Mikhail Gorbachev smiles as US President George Bush (left) tries on a translation headphones during their joint press conference on the Soviet cruise liner Maxim Gorky. (Reuter wirephoto)

Entire GDR leadership quits

EAST BERLIN, Dec 3, (UPI): The entire East German leadership in the Communist Party's Politburo and central committee resigned today at a crisis meeting, Politburo member Guenter Schabowski said in East Berlin.

He said a "working commission" would be formed to take over preparations for a Dec 15 to 17 extraordinary party meeting, when a new leadership is expected to be named.

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Top Lanka artist Silva shot dead

COLOMBO, Dec 3, (Kuna): Troops shot dead early today Sri Lanka's top stage comedian Nitai Sila when he allegedly ignored a military checkpoint south of Colombo.

Better known as Sergeant Nallathambi whose stage play of a Tamil police sergeant had completed its thousand showing on Friday, Sila died when troops shot at his car just past midnight today, police sources said. (See Page 2)

The problem is compounded because knowledge of the long-term corrosive effects was not sufficiently advanced when many buildings were constructed during the building boom generated by high oil prices in the 1970s.

For example a lot of sand for concrete was taken from the Gulf and the sea salts, full of corrosive chlorides, were not

PEOPLE AND PLACES

HELSINKI, Finland: A 38-year-old British bank robber surrendered after his getaway car froze to a standstill, newspapers have reported.

The man, who was not identified, confessed to three bank robberies in Finland since August and two in Sweden, the media reported Monday.

Police found the abandoned British-registered car on the road outside Helsinki, where temperatures have fallen to far below freezing.

The man reportedly told police after the breakdown that it was futile for him to remain a fugitive. (AP)

LOS ANGELES: Actor Jack Lemmon, winner of two Academy Awards, was named the recipient of the Screen Actors Guild's highest honor, its annual Achievement Award.

Lemmon, 64, will receive the award at the Guild's yearly membership meeting December 10, the Guild said Tuesday.

The annual award, the only national honour bestowed by the union, goes to a guild member for outstanding career achievement and contributions to charitable and humanitarian causes. (AP)

NEW YORK: When actor Milt O'Shea was recruited for the Broadway musical "Meet Me in St. Louis," he was excited about returning to the stage. But that was before he knew it contained a scene requiring ice skating.

"In Ireland, my country, they do not have ice skating. The winters are too mild," O'Shea said in a television interview Tuesday. O'Shea said he figured when the show's producers asked if he could skate, they meant roller skate. He was wrong.

"So I went along and they presented me with ice skates, and I was horrified," O'Shea recalled. "I said I had never ice skated. They said, 'don't worry. We got a very good skater who'll show you how.'" (AP)

AFTON, New York: A would-be Santa Claus says he lost one of his reindeer — to a hunter on the first day of deer season.

One of the dozen European fallow deer at Santa's cottage escaped from its pen on Thanksgiving, said owner Fred Kreig.

"A hunter thought the deer was wild and shot it," said Kreig, who gives tours and holds holiday events at the farm for needy children.

The hunter realised his mistake and offered to pay for the deer, valued at \$800.

"I told him the idea of him calling to apologise was plenty," said Kreig, who invited the hunter to bring his family to Santa's cottage whenever he wants. (AP)



Martin honoured

Actress Mary Martin is escorted by son Larry Hagman during ceremonies at John F. Kennedy Centre for the Performing Arts in Washington Dec 2. Martin and others were honoured for their contributions to the performing arts. (Reuter wirephoto)

MONROE, Connecticut: Chopping down a Christmas tree from Monroe's town park is a foul idea, and town officials plan to make sure everyone agrees.

All the evergreens in the town's three parks are being sprayed with a foot-smelling mixture to dissuade people from robbing the parks for Christmas trees.

"You can't smell it outdoors, but when you bring the tree inside and it warms up, bang. You have a pungent, stinky odour," said park ranger David Solek. (AP)

LOS ANGELES: Singer-composer George Harrison says three out of four Beatles equals no reunion.

Such a gathering would be a hollow exercise without John Lennon, the former member of the fab four who was slain by a fan.

"What good are three Beatles without John?" Harrison told the Associated Press on Tuesday. "It's too far in the past."

Harrison made his comments after Paul McCartney was quoted as saying a reunion with Harrison and drummer Ringo Starr was possible now that friction between the former band members has been settled. (AP)

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ROYAL OAK, Michigan: A thief apparently drove away in a stolen car without noticing a quadriplegic 10-year-old boy on the back seat, but the boy was found unharmed in the parked car nearly three hours later.

Curtis Michael Walker and his father's 1990 Lincoln Town Car were recovered Monday in the neighbouring Detroit suburb of Birmingham, police said.

"I imagine it was merely a crime of opportunity where someone saw that brand new Town Car and wanted to steal it," Royal Oak police lieutenant Don Novak said. "I assume they did not realise the child was in the back seat."

"It turned out to be a happy ending." (AP)

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands: Police recovered 81 Andy Warhol lithographs that had been stolen from a West German art gallery two months ago, police said Wednesday.

Seven persons were arrested, said police spokesman Kees Rameau.

The suspects were not identified in line with Dutch judicial practice,

but Rameau said they included two Britons and two Yugoslavs.

The lithographs were stolen from an art gallery near Bonn in September as part of a theft of artwork with an estimated value of \$3 million, Rameau said. (AP)

GLOSTER, Mississippi: An irate woman allegedly held her daughter's eighth-grade class at gunpoint for 20 minutes, claiming her daughter had been harassed by boys at the school.

No one was injured in Monday's incident at Gleser Elementary School in southwest Mississippi.

Roxie W. Monk, 36, surrendered to police and was charged with aggravated assault, officials said.

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Conspiracy of silence

Sydney refuge for Nazi war criminals

SYDNEY, Dec 3, (Reuters): Hundreds of Nazi war criminals have been protected in Australia for more than 40 years by an official conspiracy of silence, according to Australian author and broadcaster Mark Aron.

Aaron writes in his new book "Sanctuary" that British and US screening officials hid the dark past of Nazis who entered Australia with more than 200,000 refugees after World War Two.

The book, published in November after more than 10 years of research around the world, describes how Western intelligence bodies used Nazi criminals as anti-communist agents in Europe, then quietly

sent them elsewhere.

"Australia was chosen as one of these dumping grounds," the 37-year-old author said in a recent interview.

"Our security services knew who they were, but they were turning a blind eye. It was the era of the cold war. These people were seen as anti-communists and useful foot soldiers in the struggle against the red menace," he said.

Nazi criminals and their collaborators in many East European countries also found safe haven in the United States, Britain and Canada, Aaron writes.



Ljenco Urbancic sits with a picture of Queen Elizabeth II behind him in his Sydney office. (Reuter wirephoto)

Solar Max dips in ocean

WASHINGTON, Dec 3, (AP): The Solar Maximum Satellite, a scientific window to the Earth, the sun and even distant stars for nearly 10 years, plunged to its fiery destruction yesterday in the atmosphere over the Indian Ocean.

Capt. Thomas Niemann of the US Space Command in Colorado State said the satellite re-entered the Earth's protective atmosphere at about 5:26 am (1026 GMT) and broke up in what likely was a 500-mile (800-kilometre) long path of burning debris over the Indian Ocean, roughly halfway between the coasts of India and Australia.

Niemann said there were no reported sightings of the plunge of Solar Max, which occurred during afternoon hours in that part of the world. A re-entry at night could have produced a spectacular fireworks display visible for hundreds of miles.

There was speculation that a chunk of the satellite, involving a 1-inch (2.5 centimetre) thick titanium plate about 5 feet by 4 feet (1.5 by 1.2 metres) might survive the searing journey through the atmosphere. But "if it did, it's at the bottom of the Indian Ocean," Niemann said. "I think we've heard the last of Solar Max."

Achievements in Solar Max' career:

— In 1987, its Gamma ray spectrometer was the first instrument to detect rays from Supernova 1987A, a distant star that exploded in a neighbouring galaxy, the Magellanic cloud.

— It detected 10 comets colliding with the Sun, the latest on Sept 28.

— Its ultraviolet spectrometer detected increases in high-altitude ozone levels around the Earth just north of the Equator, and decreased just south of the Equator.

— It recorded more than 12,500 solar flares — powerful eruptions on the Sun.

Sceptics express doubts over \$400m building

World's tallest tower plan

CHICAGO, Dec 3, (AP): Plans are moving forward for an office building that would replace the Sears Tower as the world's tallest, but a few developers say it remains to be seen whether excitement in the business community will rise as high.

The Chicago planning commission enthusiastically and unanimously approved plans for the sleek, 1,950-foot (595-metre) rocket-shaped tower that would climb 125 stories in the loop business district.

Its site would be only two blocks from the 110-storey Sears Tower, the world's tallest building since 1974. Sears Tower is 1,454 feet (443 metres) to its roof, 1,707 feet (520 metres) to the tip of its antenna.

"I think there's generally public excitement about the idea whenever there's anything mammoth, but it also has to make sense to the financial community," said Anthony R. Manno, a managing director at Lasalle Partners Inc., a Chicago development firm.

to build the tower in partnership with fellow developer Lee Miglin.

But sceptics in the commercial real estate industry have expressed doubts the tower will ever be built.

They contend there is already a glut of downtown Chicago office space, which will make it difficult for the developers to find a sufficient number of small-to-mid-size tenants for the thin building. The building would have only 1.5 million square feet (139,000 square metres) of floor space, about a third of the Sears Tower's 4.2 million square feet (390,000 square metres).

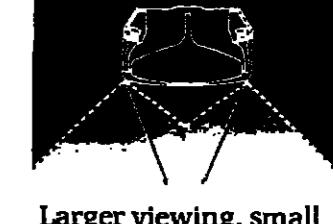
"We Chicagoans have three things: we have a lot of water, a lot of corn and tall buildings, and we're not about to give up any of those," said J. Paul Beiter, who proposes

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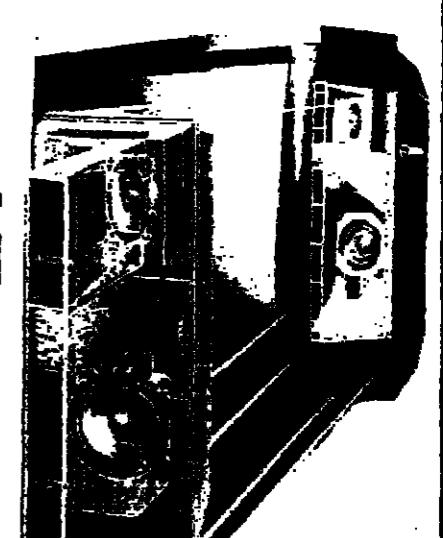
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Salvador jails 9 church members

SAN SALVADOR, Dec 3. (AP): An episcopal minister and eight members of his church were in prison accused of helping leftist rebels attack the Defence Ministry last month, but church sources said they were forced to cooperate with the guerrillas.

The attack was part of the spiraling political violence that culminated in a 3-week-old rebel offensive.

The offensive had subsided by Saturday, with no reports of combat since Friday night in the eastern Soyapango neighbourhood and northern Mejicanos.

"The armed forces are controlling all the zone and the guerrillas have been expelled, abandoning a large quantity of arms and munitions," a soldier in Soyapango who identified himself as Sgt. Guevara told the Associated Press.

Death toll

The government's military press department said that 19 guerrillas and 10 soldiers died in Friday's fighting. More than 1,000 civilians, soldiers and rebels have been killed in the fighting in recent weeks.

Sporadic skirmishes early last morning in the Mejicanos neighbourhood ended by daylight, the government said.

Business was normal in San Salvador. Electrical workers repaired lines that had been destroyed by rebels, but the electric company said there was a 27 per cent shortage of electricity nation-wide.

The Rev. Luis Serrano Lorente and the other episcopalian are accused of allowing the guerrillas to hide trucks loaded with explosives at their church the night before the Oct 30 attack on the Defence Ministry.

The guerrillas fired homemade mortars from the backs of two trucks at the heavily fortified ministry.

Bombing

Several mortars fell in the surrounding streets, killing an elderly gas station attendant and injuring 15 people.

The next day, a bomb went off at the headquarters of a leftist labour union, killing 10 unionists and wounding 29 people. The union blamed the bombing on the military.

Eleven days later, the leftist Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front, or FMLN, launched their offensive.

Church sources told the Associated Press that heavily armed guerrillas forced their way into the church compound the night before the Defence Ministry bombing and spent the night there.

The sources, who insisted on anonymity, said no one at the church was a willing participant.

The national guard refused to comment on the case, but news reports identified those charged as Serrano, the church lawyer, the head of its social programme and six lay workers. All are Salvadorans.

Church sources said they had been transferred from police custody to a prison.

They were arrested in a series of raids on Nov 19 and 20 that shut down the church's refugee centre, which was taking in people made homeless by the rebel offensive.

Police also arrested seven foreigners in the raids, among them an episcopal lay worker from the United States and five members of peace brigades international. All were ordered out of the country.

The raids were part of a government crackdown on foreigners, churches, humanitarian organisations and human rights groups spawned by the urban offensive.

El Salvador's rightist government regards most such groups as fronts for the FMLN, which it says would wither without outside support.

The human rights monitoring group Americas watch said that an American Roman Catholic lay worker was arrested Thursday along with a Spanish priest, a lay worker and two other people in a raid on a priest's residence.

It said the American, Scott Wright, was being held in the city jail and would likely be deported on Monday.

The group said the priest, the Rev. Carlos Diaz, a member of the Dominican order, was released Friday on the condition he leave the country. There was no information available on the three Salvadorans.

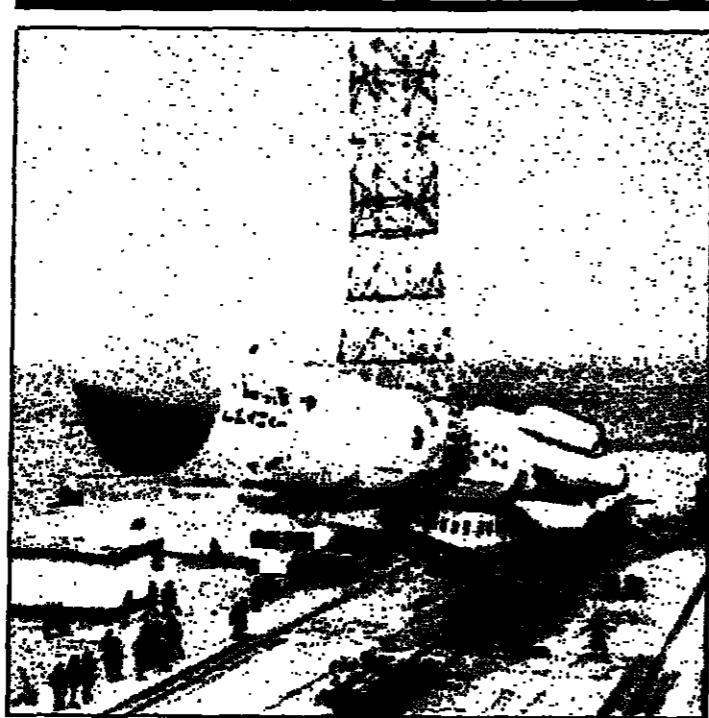
A Dallas-based correspondent for America's largest Spanish-language radio network was apparently still missing in El Salvador, where he went to cover that country's raging civil war.

Sal Valdez, news director of the CRC radio network, arrived in San Salvador last week but has not been heard from since Tuesday, when he telephoned his Dallas office to file a report, said CRC president Barrett Alley.



Guerrilla grenade

An FMLN guerrilla distributes home made grenades to his colleague. (Reuter wirephoto)



Proton lifts off

The rocket-carrier Proton with the astrophysical observatory 'Granat' shown before launch Dec 2. The rocket is a co-operative project between USSR, France, Denmark and Bulgaria. Right: The



observatory 'Granat' shown Dec 2 lifting off. The observatory is part of the international project of X-ray and soft Gamma-ray research in outer space. (Reuter wirephoto)

NEWS IN BRIEF

Colombia referendum: President Virgilio Barco says a proposed national referendum on the government's extradition of drug-traffickers could increase terrorism and disrupt peace negotiations with left-wing guerrillas.

Traffic, meanwhile, announced a ceasefire in their terrorist war against the government in an attempt to convince congress to approve the referendum.

The bill to allow the public to decide if the government extradition policy should continue was introduced Friday by a congressional committee.

The legislation would include the extradition issue in a national referendum to be held on January 21, 1990. The full congress is to vote on the legislation before the end of its current session on Dec 15. (AP)

Technical foulup: A technical foulup with the Soviet space laboratory Kvant-2's guidance system has forced a four-day delay in liftoff with the orbiting Mir platform, Tass said on Saturday.

The 40-tonne module, which blasted off Nov 26, is carrying experiments and equipment for two cosmonauts on the Mir.

Almost immediately after the launch, the Soviets announced a problem with one of the two panels of Kvant-2's solar battery, which refuted to open. The problem was reportedly fixed later.

However, Tass, the official news agency, reported on Saturday that docking with the Mir, scheduled for that day, was being put off until Wednesday due to "irregular functioning of one of the automatic guidance systems of the module." It gave no details. (AP)

Quake jolts California: A moderate earthquake under the San Jacinto mountains jolted an 85-mile (136-kilometre) stretch of southern California on Saturday, but there were no reports of damage or injury, authorities said.

The quake hit at 3.16 pm (2316 GMT) and had an estimated strength of 4.3 on the Richter Scale. California Institute of Technology spokesman Hall Daily said in Pasadena. The epicentre was 16 miles (26 kilometres) southwest of Palm Springs.

The National Earthquake Information Centre in Golden, Colorado, estimated the quake's magnitude at 4.5 and put its centre 15 miles (24 kilometres) southwest of Palm Springs, said geophysicist John Minsch of the US geological survey.

Magnitude estimates from various monitoring points often differ. (AP)

Plutonium production halted: US Energy Secretary James Watkins said Friday that plutonium processing operations will be halted indefinitely at the Rocky Flats Nuclear Weapons plant, a key US defence plant, because of safety concerns.

Watkins also announced a major management shakeup at the plant, the only US facility that makes plutonium triggers for nuclear weapons. Pending investigations to be addressed, Watkins said, was whether stray plutonium dust in dunes at the plant was accumulated in enough quantity to cause a nuclear reaction.

The Department of Energy team that evaluated the plant found no major hardware problems, but "conduct of operations, standards of performance, engineering support and management structure remain deficient. (AP)

Guerrilla violence continues: Maoist guerrillas detonated a car bomb in the centre of this Andean city, wounding seven people, and drowned a man in a tank of gasoline at a rural irrigation project, police said.

The car bomb went off at about 7.30 pm local time (12.20 GMT Saturday) just off the city's main square, wounding seven people, two of them gravely, and causing considerable damage to nearby buildings.

It is the fifth car bomb attack by the Shining Path since December, 1984 in Ayacucho, the birthplace of the guerrilla movement.

In another incident, police said 30 Shining Path rebels armed with guns, dynamite and machetes attacked a workers camp in Inchi Cruz 25 miles (40 kilometres) south of Ayacucho Thursday night. The rebels dynamited vehicles and machinery and sacked the irrigation project's warehouse. (AP)

Ortega raps US on Sam

MANAGUA, Dec 3. (AP): President Daniel Ortega said the United States first introduced surface-to-air missiles to his region by giving them to rightist Nicaraguan rebels, and argued that the leftist Salvadoran insurgents have a "greater right" to weapons.

But Ortega stopped short of admitting his government had provided the rockets found in two Nicaraguan-registered planes that crashed in El Salvador a week ago.

A Soviet official denied that the Soviet ambassador in Managua ordered the Nicaraguans and Cuba governments to stop shipping weapons to leftist rebels in El Salvador.

The French newspaper Le Monde, quoting an unidentified leader of Nicaragua's leftist Sandinista government in an article said Soviet Ambassador Valeri Nikolsenko gave the order after Salvadoran authorities reported finding the downed planes.

"We have spoken with our ambassador ... and he utterly denies having made statements in this sense," said Igor Rybalkis, of the international department of the Soviet Communist Party's policy-making Central Committee.

Ortega addressed the missile controversy during a speech at the inauguration of his campaign headquarters for the Feb 25 national elections.

"What is the big scandal now over the missiles?" he said. "Where was the world-wide protest when the Yankees first introduced missiles to the region by sending them to Contra (rebel) mercenaries years ago? They set the precedent."

Ortega said the Salvadoran rebels "have a greater right to have the missiles to defend themselves from the Salvadoran air force. Are the Yankees the only ones who have the right to do whatever they want?"

Bush also is expected to sign a measure providing

Opposition gains in Taiwan polls

Nationalists accept setback

TAIPEI, Dec 3. (AP): The ruling Nationalist Party suffered its worst electoral losses in 40 years in power as thousands of angry opposition supporters today protested alleged widespread vote-rigging.

The protesters, claiming the Nationalists had rigged a county executive race in southern Taiwan, ransacked a government office today. A standoff against 1,000 riot police continued late into the evening. Stunned Nationalist officials held an emergency meeting to review the party's setback in the first multi-party election in Taiwan's history and the first vote held after 38 years of martial law were lifted two years ago.

"We calmly accept an upset," party secretary general James Soong said after the meeting. "we shall continue with reforms and improve what we did not do well."

Training for participants

Japan peace role

TOKYO, Dec 3. (Kuna): Tokyo has decided to establish a training centre for Japanese who will take part in peacekeeping missions, Japanese Foreign Minister Taro Nakayama said today.

Within the framework of this programme 31 Japanese observers have already been sent to Namibia in Southern Africa to supervise elections that took place there last November.

The Japanese government intends to send a similar delegation to Nicaragua to observe elections there next Feb 25.

Nakayama said that the government will choose people who speak Spanish for the Nicaragua delegation.

The Japanese top diplomat stated that his government plans to send observers to the Middle East and Cambodia after political settlements are reached there.

Final results gave the Nationalists 38 per cent of the popular vote, while the opposition won 33 per cent. Independent candidates garnered the remainder. Nationalist officials earlier said they would capture 70 per cent, the level it won the 1986 elections.

Many Taiwanese have displayed great displeasure at the slow restructuring of a political system that perpetuates the Nationalist Party's rule. The Nationalists fled to Taiwan in 1949 after losing a civil war to the communist forces in China.

Observers hailed the vote as a step forward for democracy. "A Nationalist setback, redistribution of political power," read one newspaper headline.

The opposition Democratic Progressive Party gave the Nationalists several major defeats. It won six of the 16 county executives being contested, including two of Taiwan's largest counties, Taipei and Kaohsiung.

With its victory in the county seats, the opposition is presented with a challenge of proving it can run a local government and live up to its campaign promises to improve quality of life on this crowded island of 20 million.

"This victory will allow us to display our power to manage the society and the country," said leading DPP politician Kang Ning-Hsiang.

A spokesman for the DPP accused the ruling Nationalist Party of "massive vote-rigging" in the balloting, which ended yesterday. He said rigging in Taiwan in the south was particularly widespread.

Activists ransacked the county government building in Tainan. Television footage showed the protesters broke windows and destroyed desks. The activists then occupied the county offices and faced off with more than 1,000 riot police.

Still, deputy attorney general Tsai Shi-Yuan said the election marked a "glorious victory" for the two-year-old legal opposition.

The DPP also won 21 seats in the legislature, up from 12 seats before. For the first time in Taiwan's history, the opposition is now capable of introducing legislation without the support of the Nationalists as 20 supporters are the minimum requirement for each bill.

In all, 722 candidates ran in the legislative, mayoral and county executive races.

The nationalists did not risk losing power with this election. The 256-seat legislature and the electoral college are dominated by 162 elderly nationalists elected in the late 1940s and frozen in office to support the party's claim to be the legitimate government of all China.

Still, the vote was of tremendous importance to this highly industrialised island of 20 million that is considered an economic miracle in Asia. It is the first election with a legal opposition. It is also the first to witness relatively open debate on taboo subjects such as Taiwan's relationship to China and official corruption.

A radical group of opposition candidates who want to abandon the idea of a united China polled well, even though their campaign platform was technically illegal.

Communist China and Taiwan both claim sovereignty over each other. Under Taiwan's constitution, advocating independence from China is sedition. Communist China also has warned it will attack Taiwan if it declares independence.

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Victorious

Yu Ching of Taiwan's opposition Democratic Progressive Party claims victory in a key county race. (Reuter wirephoto)

Malaysia won't lift harsh measures

SINGAPORE, Dec 3. (AP): The Communist Party of Malaysia has ended its long insurgency, but controversial internal security measures that allow for indefinite detention without trial won't be lifted soon.

British colonial authorities introduced the Internal Security Act in 1948 to deal with suspected communists.

It is still used by the governments of what are now independent Malaysia and Singapore against anyone considered to be a risk to national security. No evidence need be offered and no charges filed.

Opposition members in the Parliaments of both countries say the need for such sweeping powers has long passed.

Human rights groups, including Amnesty International in Britain and Asiaswatch in the United States, have complained that arrests in recent years under the ISA were politically inspired. The communist insurgency in Malaysia formally ended Saturday when ceasefire agreements among the guerrillas, Malaysia, and Thailand were signed at Hat Yai in southern Thailand.

But Home Affairs Minister Shumugam Jayakumar said that, even if the communists have ended hostilities, the ISA is necessary because Singapore faces security threats from other sources. Jayakumar told Singapore's Parliament Wednesday that religious extremism, espionage, international terrorism, and subversion still pose threat.

The Parliament amended the constitution in January to prevent courts in Singapore and Britain's Privy Council from challenging the government's right to jail people without charge or trial.

The amendments allow the courts to review detention cases only on technical grounds. They also bar appeals to the Privy Council in cases involving the ISA. The Privy Council acts as a court of final appeal in Singapore and a number of other former British territories.

Jayakumar said his country could abolish the ISA only when Malaysia saw fit to do the same because any instability or turmoil in the neighbouring state would affect Singapore and vice versa.

Korean exchange talks on

SEOUL, Dec 3. (AP): South Korea yesterday accepted a North Korean request to reopen talks on reunifying family members separated by the division of the Korean peninsula in 1945. Government officials said.

North Korea proposed by telephone yesterday that Red Cross officials from both sides meet at the border village of Panmunjom tomorrow to discuss the issue, officials said.

South Korea immediately accepted the North Korean proposal, they said.

The two Koreas, bitter rivals since the division of their land in 1945, have held six rounds of Red Cross talks to find ways to help reunite the 10 million separated family members.

In the talks that began in September, both sides agreed on some important details, including an exchange of hundreds of separated family members and entertainers for a four-day visit starting Dec 8.

Major recommendations by Iran-Contra investigators being enacted into law

WASHINGTON, Dec 3. (AP): Two years after being proposed, several major legislative recommendations from congressional Iran-Contra investigators are being enacted into law over the grumblings of President George Bush.

Bush last week approved a foreign aid bill containing a ban on use of US money to entice foreign governments into carrying out policies banned by US law. The provision is a reaction to former President Ronald Reagan's apparent use of aid money as a reward to Honduras for harbouring the Contras in its territory along the Nicaraguan border.

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Herrhausen's murder raises security questions

BONN, Dec 3. (AP): Alfred Herrhausen's murder has unleashed accusations that there were clear signs terrorists were about to strike, and officials are looking into possible holes in the security web that had been protecting the world-famous banker.

Herrhausen's murder on Thursday stunned West Germany, which for weeks has been preoccupied with events in neighbouring East Germany. Police have already identified one of

the probable suspects, a fugitive member of the Red Army faction, leftist terrorist gang.

Authorities say Herrhausen's murder resembles at least four previous Red Army Faction attacks.

But there are increasing allegations that security officials failed to notice indications that Herrhausen was about to be targeted.

One newspaper on Saturday asked how the terrorists' work of setting up a

sophisticated bomb-trigger mechanism on Herrhausen's route to work went unnoticed by a special unit assigned to watch out for suspicious activities.

Discovery more than a month ago of a wire that was apparently intended for use with the bomb is also raising some uncomfortable questions about security precautions for the head of the powerful Deutsche Bank.

"Police officials overlooked clear signs of the attack," the Cologne Rund-

schau newspaper alleged.

The newspaper said that besides the two security cars that normally escorted Herrhausen's Mercedes, a special Hess state police unit had been recently assigned to observe his route to work in Frankfurt each day.

The Bonn-based newspaper Die Welt reported police in other states were not immediately made aware of essentials of the attack, and speculated that could have hindered any attempts

to catch the bombers.

The 59-year-old Herrhausen was killed near his home in Bad Homburg as his car passed by a light-beam device, triggering the powerful bomb that destroyed his car.

It was the first time terrorists in West Germany had employed that sort of device.

According to federal authorities, preparations for the attack began at least four weeks ago, and included

chiseling out a long gap in a sidewalk, laying wires in the crack, covering them up with asphalt and recoloring the spot to look like it had been untouched.

The wires were attached to the photo-electric device used to detonate the bomb, which was strapped to a bicycle, authorities say.

Hans-Juergen Foerster, spokesman for the federal prosecutor's office, said the attack was carried out "with extreme precision."

SA halts cross-border attacks

One more hit-squad man held

JOHANNESBURG, Dec 3. (Agencies): A second policeman has been detained for investigation into the assassination of two prominent white political activists, newspapers reported today.

Also today, a spokesman confirmed that Defence Minister Magnus Malan had announced an end to cross-border raids and said it is no longer necessary to support anti-government groups in neighbouring countries.

Spokesman Das Herbst said Malan had made the announcement yesterday at a parade in Oudtshoorn, an ostrich-farming area in Cape province.

The Sunday Tribune newspaper quoted Malan as saying it is now possible for the defence force to have a vastly reduced role in national and subcontinental politics, because there is no reason to support anti-government groups in neighbouring countries.

In another development, Sunday newspapers reported that slain university academic David Webster had been investigating evidence of South African military aid to guerrillas fighting the Mozambican government.

No government official acknowledges supporting the Mozambique National Resistance, which is accused by Mozambican villagers of burning hospitals, schools and crops, maiming peasants, and enslaving children.

The Mozambican government has said it accepts assurances by President F.W. de Klerk and Foreign Minister P.J. Botha that the South African government no longer supports the guerrillas. But Mozambican government officials say they believe support still comes from South African military intelligence.

Webster's death has been linked to reports that a police death squad has targeted anti-apartheid activists.

Ferdinand Barnard, a former police detective convicted in 1984 of embusking and murdering two drug suspects, has been held in indefinite detention while investigators try to decide who are investigating Webster's murder and the assassination of Anton Lubowski, a white lawyer who was the only white official of the South-West Africa People's Organisation.

Swapo, now the leading political force in Namibia, was the main independence movement in the Southern African territory that soon will declare its independence from South Africa.

Webster and Lubowski both were shot to death outside their homes — Webster on May 1 in Johannesburg, and Lubowski on Sept 12, in Windhoek, Namibia.

Sunday newspapers reported that a second former policeman, Calle Botha, had been detained in the case.

Botha was a member of the Brixton murder and robbery squad, the unit that is investigating the assassinations. He and his commanding officer left the force last year in the wake of the murder conviction of two former detectives from the squad.

Three former security policemen, one white and two black, told newspapers they were members of death squads that carried out bombings, arson, robbery and murder in South Africa and neighbouring countries.

Two of the security policemen recently left the country and the other is awaiting execution for a murder.

At least 10 people died yesterday in Natal province, where an eruption of fighting between rival black movements has killed about 50 in the past week.

A police report today said that in the worst incident five blacks were stabbed to death and seven were wounded in the township of Hammarsdale, near the Natal provincial capital of Pietermaritzburg.

De Klerk returned yesterday from the Ivory Coast, where he said his country's reforms were being recognised by its black African neighbours and other foreign governments.

Police used dogs, whips and batons to break up protest rallies in Durban and Cape Town yesterday, witnesses said, while a march to a police station in the rural Orange Free State was allowed.

Labour wins Queensland state polls

BRISBANE, Dec 3. (AP): The Labour Party led by Wayne Goss scored a historic election victory in the state of Queensland yesterday, ending 32 years of rule by the right-of-centre National Party.

The Labour Party needed 45 seats in the 89-seat state assembly to gain an absolute majority and early counting indicated it had won up to 56 seats.

The win was the second in eight days for a state Labour Party boasting the stocks of federal Prime Minister Bob



Brave Raisa

Raisa Gorbachev braved a gale on Saturday to visit the 16th-century cathedral built by the Knights of Malta and to hold a living-room chat with a young couple in subsidised state housing.

"This is the type of weather that shipwrecked Saint Paul on these rocks," commented Maltese Minister of Housing Joe Cassar, who waited for six hours for the Soviet President's wife to pull up in a black Zil limousine at the Santa Lucia housing development, three miles from downtown.

There she inspected the bedroom of Josette and Pierre Scarré, who runs a stationery store and pays 200 Maltese pounds (\$600) a year for the two-bedroom, second-floor walkup. She then chatted for about half an hour with the 25-year-old couple about their life in Malta.

Both the gale and weariness kept Raisa confined for the morning to the Maxim Gorky, the Soviet luxury liner docked in Marsaxlokk Bay, according to Maltese and Soviet officials.

Picture shows Raisa wards off the wind and rain with the help of an umbrella. (Reuter wirephoto)

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Waldheim regrets WW II atrocities

'I was forced'

LONDON, Dec 3. (AP): Austrian President Kurt Waldheim said today he deeply regretted Nazi atrocities during World War II, but reiterated that he was drafted into the German army as a young man and was powerless to stop them.

"I did not volunteer. I had to go through this fate which was very unfortunate," Waldheim told British television interviewer David Frost.

"I deeply regret what has happened during those terrible years," he said in an interview from his presidential offices in Vienna.

Waldheim was speaking only six weeks after a Ministry of Defence report cleared him of allegations he was involved in the executions of six British prisoners of war captured in April 1944, two years after German dictator Adolf Hitler had ordered that all

captured commandos be killed after interrogation.

The commandos of the special boat squadron were taken to Arsaliki, 10 miles (16 kilometres) east of Salonika, Greece, for interrogation at the headquarters of German Army Group E, where Waldheim was a junior intelligence officer.

The prisoners refused to talk and were later shot by firing squad in a suburb of Athens, a war crime under the Geneva Convention which forbids killing prisoners of war.

Asked about the disappearance of 40,000 Jews from Salonika at the time he was there, Waldheim said: "I do understand your preoccupation with this, but the fact is that I didn't know it."

"We didn't talk about it. We didn't see anything... only God will one day judge," he said.

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Thought for today

EVERYONE knows that you can't relieve an itch by stroking it gently — Elaine Morgan, Welsh writer-educator (1920—).

Beijing still has to rule by force

Six months after killings

BELJING, (Reuter): Six months after its troops crushed student-led protest with heavy loss of life, the Beijing leadership must still rely on force to remain in power, unable to convince its people such violence was necessary.

Foreign analysts and some Chinese said opposition to the government was widespread, despite martial law in Beijing, arrests and interrogations nationwide and daily propaganda against the protesters.

On the night of June 3, troops and tanks moved into central Beijing, killing hundreds, perhaps thousands of people. The event, the biggest use of the army against civilians in 40 years of communism, continues to dominate the public mind.

"Why did they have to shoot?" said an old Beijing woman, reflecting the views of many that they can express only in private. "If they had used batons and tear gas, people would have understood and would not feel the way they do."

Death

"The government has lied to us," said a medical worker. "It has not given the real death toll and expressed no regret for the thousands of ordinary people killed or injured."

Repeated in thousand speeches and newspaper articles, is that the protests developed into a rebellion aimed at overthrowing the Communist Party and the socialist system and had to be put down.

"In one way, the government was right," a Western diplomat said. "If it had given in to the student demands, that would have started reforms that would have changed the kind of communist rule we have seen in the last 40 years.

"What the event also showed is that China is a pre-modern society. The constitution is not worth the paper it is written on. The key decisions were taken not by parliament, not by the cabinet or even the party politburo but a group of veteran leaders, some with no formal post," he said.

Obey

"The only way to explain what happened is that China is an empire, where all obey the orders from number one," he said.

The events of that night have had profound repercussions, both at home and abroad, and may be seen in future as a turning point in the nation's history.

A broad, it led to a cut-off in new loans and political contacts from the Western world, reversing a 10-year trend in which China moved away from self-imposed isolation.

Domestically, it led to the downfall of party chief Zhao Ziyang, the freezing of many of his reform policies and a hardline leftist ideology reminiscent of the cold war.

This has resulted in increasing isolation not only from the West but also from East Europe whose countries have since June been moving rapidly in the opposite direction.

A Chinese journalist said there would be no compromise with the West. "The outside world is mistaken if it thinks the leaders will back down out of expediency. It is a question of face and pride.

Isolate

"If this isolation means slower development and falling living standards, then so be it. While the current leaders remain in power, they cannot back down," he said.

He said domestic difficulties would be blamed on the foreigners, as in the early 1960s when widespread famine was blamed on the overnight withdrawal of thousands of Soviet experts.

The leaders have good reason to be nervous about the economy. While a 14-month austerity programme has succeeded in dramatically slowing record inflation and excess growth, it has also led to factory shut-downs, rising unemployment and loan defaults.

With the slowdown in foreign loans, repayment of \$44 billion in foreign debts has suddenly become a major concern. Beijing has said vital imports, such as steel and other raw materials, will have to be cut to service the debt.

Repay

Next year, Beijing will also have to repay 30 million yuan (\$8.1 billion) in domestic debt to its citizens, and repayment will continue to soar after years of budget deficits.

For the ordinary citizen, this means less goods in the shops as more go for export, less money available for wages and bonuses and an increasing share of income taken for compulsory purchase of state bonds to service the domestic debt.

"Worker discontent is the government's nightmare," said a Japanese businessman. "What if it is the workers who march next June 4 to protest at falling incomes as well to mourn the dead?"

But most Beijing residents rule out further open protest as long as martial law remains in force. Although the troops have withdrawn from permanent guard on the street, military vehicles constantly circulate.

"The change will become if a leader dies. People can march to mourn him, just as the protests did in April," said an office worker. "Who knows what will happen then? There must be a settling of accounts with this government."

TODAY IN HISTORY

1586 — England's Queen Elizabeth I confirms death sentence against Mary Queen of Scots.

1691 — Hapsburgs reconquer Transylvania and are recognized as rulers.

1798 — France declares war on Naples.

1842 — Spanish soldier-political Baldomero Espartero bombs Barcelona and crushes revolt.

1851 — Louis Napoleon crushes workers' rebellion in France.

1893 — British and French reach agreement on Siam (Thailand).

1908 — London naval conference fails to regulate conditions of warfare.

1918 — Serbo-Croat-Slovene kingdom of Yugoslavia is proclaimed.

1942 — US bombers strike Italy's mainland for first time in World War II.

1944 — British troops, aided by Greeks, fight in streets of Athens in World War II.

1962 — Hundreds of Muslims and European opponents of Ben Bella government in Algeria are arrested.

1971 — Indian troops, tanks and planes launch attacks in East Pakistan, and Indian planes hit key airfields in West Pakistan.

1972 — Government of Honduras is overthrown in military coup.

1977 — Iraq walks out on Arab meeting in Tripoli, breaking united front against Egypt's peace moves with Israel.

1984 — Gunman with Jordanian passport kills Jordanian diplomat in Bucharest, Romania, as he leaves hotel residence.

1987 — Haiti's Roman Catholic church says it will not comply with ruling junta's request to name new member to provisional electoral council.

1988 — Authorities order civilians to evacuate area surrounding rebel stronghold in Argentine capital of Buenos Aires.

Impatient desire for change

Isolation triggers Rajiv's fall

NEW DELHI, (AP): Rajiv Gandhi's election debacle was triggered by his isolation from the people who five years ago overwhelmingly endorsed him as their leader.

But his downfall had another cause, one that he was powerless to fight: an impatient desire for change in a developing nation where voters think the fastest way to improve things is to throw out the old leader and usher in a new one.

The legacy of a powerful family brought Rajiv to the prime minister's office, but it wasn't enough to keep him there. He repeatedly invoked the achievements of his famous forebears — his grandfather, prime minister Jawaharlal Nehru, and his mother, prime minister Indira Gandhi.

But Rajiv Gandhi, the Western-educated airline pilot who was pushed into politics by his iron-willed father, failed to preserve the initial wave of euphoria that propelled him into the prime minister's job after Indira Gandhi's assassination.

For only the second time in modern India's 42 years as a free nation, Rajiv and the Congress Party failed to win a majority of seats in Parliament's policy-making lower house.

The Nov. 22-26 elections didn't give anyone a decisive mandate, but one thing was clear: the Congress Party was no longer the overwhelming choice of the people, even though it won 192 votes — more than any other single party.

A centrist coalition called the National Front was formed early this year at the instigation of one-time Rajivally Vishwanath Pratap Singh. It captured 144 seats in the new Parliament.

Last week, Singh managed to galvanize other opposition parties, ranging from communists to Hindu fundamentalists, into an unwieldy but — for the moment, at least — effective alliance. Together, the coalition controls 283 of the 525 seats in Parliament's Lok Sabha, or house of the people.

On Saturday, Singh was sworn in as prime minister and given 30 days to prove his parliamentary majority in a vote of confidence.

Almost until the very end, the gap between the Congress Party and the people was so great that Rajiv and his closest aides were unable to grasp that they were losing the election campaign.

They woke up very late. They didn't know that a campaign was going against them since 1987. They were hopelessly out of touch," said Vinod Dua, a political commentator who served as co-host of state-run television's around-the-clock election coverage and analysis.

"Even as I was on TV seeing the results, their spokesmen were saying they were going to win," Dua said.

Singh, who served as Rajiv's finance and defence minister before his tax raids and anti-corruption investigations struck too close to home in Congress Party ranks, resigned from the cabinet in the spring of 1987. A few months later, he was expelled from the Congress for "anti-party activities."

Rajiv, meanwhile, failed to recognize the mounting opposition. He remained confident that voters would never again trust opposition politicians who were elected to power just once before — for 29 months in 1977-79 — only to start bickering and fall apart. Rajiv's mother was ousted at that time, but swept back to power in 1980 after the intervening election fell apart.

Ashish Nandy, an analyst at New Delhi's Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, said Rajiv also failed to meet the rising aspirations of a Third World country of 880 million people, most of whom have yet to escape poverty, disease and illiteracy.

"This is a society where the middle classes have emerged as a great voter bank," Nandy said, estimating their numbers at 200 million to 250 million. "But this is still a minority.... It's absolutely stupid the contempt for the other Indians that this middle class shows."

And the middle class — the people who read newspapers, have money to spend, are politically aware — also began to tire of their government, he



Rajiv Gandhi: debacle

said.

Two years ago, Nandy predicted that India was headed for a series of one-term leaders as a restless electorate looked for changes that did not come fast enough.

"Had there not been a Singh, the Indian middle classes would have invented him," Nandy wrote in an article published by the Indian Express newspaper in August 1987. "The moral of the story is this: After riding through the first of its term in style, a regime in India today tends to lose credibility dramatically, irrespective of the quality or nature of the leadership."

In an interview last week, Nandy noted that when Rajiv came to power in 1984, he promised to root out the corruption endemic in India.

But after two and one-half years, the corruption was still there. So were the unwieldy bureaucracy, the labyrinthine court system, the illiteracy rate of 64 per cent.

Rajiv, in taking credit for changes he had made, such as loosening up the economy for investment and easing strained relations with Pakistan, also took the fall for things that had gone wrong — or hadn't changed.

"All of a sudden, he became the symbol of a

corrupt Congress, a wheeler-dealer Congress, a liar," Nandy said.

At the same time, Rajiv turned his back on the bosses in the party whose ticket had brought him to power. His confidantes and aides included personal friends with no experience in politics.

He reshuffled his cabinet at least 20 times in five years, never quite attaining a workable combination.

One of his closest aides, who ended up managing the fractious and violence-mired election campaign in Rajiv's own constituency, was a fellow pilot from the prime minister's days at Indian airlines.

His speech writer was a man of biting wit who sometimes peppered the prime minister's addresses with barbs aimed at the very people he was supposed to be honouring by his presence.

His official spokesman was aloof and often unavailable to the reporters who covered Rajiv's daily activities.

And there were few places in the country where the Cambridge-educated Rajiv and his Italian wife Sonia seemed to belong, certainly not in his own dirt-poor constituency of Amethi, no matter how many electricity poles and blacktopped roads he pumped into it.



A Lebanese army soldier, loyal to Lebanon's new President Elias Hrawi, sits behind his heavy machine gun in the Muslim side of Beirut's Green Line battlefront facing troops of

defiant General Michel Aoun, who rejected to step down and give power to Hrawi. (Reuters wirephoto)

Palestinian uprising stuck in a rut

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, (Reuter): The Palestinian uprising in the Israeli-occupied territories marks its second anniversary this week stuck in a rut.

Out of the media headlines, now on the superpowers' agenda, causing little disruption to life in Israel, the intifada seems at times to be shrinking into a Middle Eastern Northern Ireland — an endemic communal strife with little world impact.

Despite sacrificing nearly 600 dead, an estimated 40,000 wounded and as many imprisoned, and killing 150 suspected Arab collaborators, the Palestinians have failed to achieve tangible political gains.

"The mood is bitterness, frustration and confusion," said Mahdi Abdul Hadi, head of a Palestin-

ian foreign policy think tank. "There is no clear vision, no political leadership."

But the intifada is far from extinct. It still burns brightly in the hearts and minds of almost all Palestinians. Sullen resistance and communal solidarity have become a way of life.

"The intifada has enabled us to start rebuilding our own society, to clean the Palestinian house," said respected Palestinian journalist Daoud Kuttab.

Israel, however, still rules the West Bank and Gaza Strip with an iron fist, controlling the daily lives of 1.75 million Palestinians in the areas captured in the 1967 Middle East war.

The intifada has raised the cost of that occupa-

tion, but not high enough to force most Israelis to

challenge their national unity government's policy.

The so-called Middle East peace process appears deadlocked. Palestinian attempts to spread wide-scale civil disobedience have failed for lack of organisation, discipline and money.

The Palestine Liberation Organisation has scored paper triumphs on the back of the intifada. Its phantom state has been recognised by more countries than have diplomatic relations with Israel.

The PLO has established a frustrating political dialogue with the United States, Israel's guardian ally. Its leader Yasser Arafat has been received like a head of state in many parts of the world — even by some European Economic Community states.

But it seems no closer to driving Israel from the occupied territories by force, attrition or diplomacy.

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All Buckle Up

Fight fire with fire

DIRECTOR Eddie, campaign manager for Howard McClinton, was packing up his literature and campaign signs.

"I am proud of the fact that it was a clean political campaign," he told me. "Race never played a role in the contest — not once, even when we said that our opponent went to school with Willie Horton."

"But McClinton was white and so was his opponent."

"All the more reason for not mentioning the race issue. At the beginning of the campaign, McClinton announced that he would not introduce colour as an issue. He stuck to his promise."

"With that statement, he made it an issue. McClinton never made it an issue. His opponent, Glockenspiel, did when he attacked McClinton for raising it in the first place."

Glockenspiel continued, "when we started out, we decided to take the high road in the campaign — even if it meant losing."

"Is that why you ran a TV commercial of Glockenspiel beating up senior citizens in a public park?"

"We believe that the voters have a right to know what turned Glockenspiel on. Way it less fair than the other side showing our guy in a raincoat flashing in front of a MacDonald's restaurant?"

"I am curious about how you managed to get film of Glockenspiel and Noriega riding in the same seat on the Ferris Wheel."

"It's incredible what you can do with a computer these days."

"Dirty Eddie, I know you ran a clean campaign, but there are some who feel that you spread stories about Glockenspiel which weren't necessarily true."

"Like what?"

"Like the time you said that he had to take steroids before he could go out to campaign."

"We only mentioned it when they claimed that McClinton was a compulsive gambler and bet on his own race. We weren't looking for low-down stories to say about the other side, but you have to fight fire with fire, or your election will go up in smoke. We had so much dirty stuff that we didn't use."

"Such as?"

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Bush, Gorbachev see an era of brand-new relations

Storm subsides as leaders end two-day Malta summit

VALLETTA, Malta. Dec 3. (Agencies): President George Bush concluded a two-day shipboard, storm-tossed summit with Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev today declaring the world was at the threshold of a "brand new era" in US-Soviet relations.

Gorbachev, declaring an end to the cold war and the hostility that had characterised US-Soviet relations since the end of World War II, said he was "satisfied with the results of the meeting."

The two leaders, speaking at the conclusion of their first summit meeting, issued a joint declaration aboard the Soviet luxury cruise liner *Maxim Gorky*.

Bush and Gorbachev shook hands warmly and sat down to read their statements and answer questions from reporters as the foul weather that plagued the seaborne summit began to subside.

Bush and Gorbachev later left Malta for meetings with their allies to brief them on the outcome of their two-day summit.

Bush took off aboard Air Force One at 4:06 pm (1506 GMT) for Brussels where he will advise NATO allies.

Gorbachev left aboard his special Ilyushin-62 at 4:30 pm (1530 GMT) for Moscow where he will have consultations with Warsaw Pact countries.

Neither man pointed to a specific agreement on a key range of arms control or other issues, and in an unprecedented joint news conference made it clear they have disagreements over weapons shipments to leftist rebels in El Salvador and on the issue of naval arms reductions.

The two men seemed at ease as they fielded questions then shook hands and left the



Gorbachev (left) and Bush shake hands as they prepare to begin their second session. (Reuter wirephoto)

news conference together.

East Europe

"It accomplished everything I hoped it would," Bush said of the two-day summit. "We stated, both of us, that the world leaves the one epoch of cold war and enters another epoch," Gorbachev said. "This is just the beginning. We are just at the very beginning of our long road to a long-lasting peaceful period."

Gorbachev said he was "encouraged and inspired" by the changes in Eastern Europe, where hardline communist leaders have been swept away in recent weeks.

Bush said Gorbachev had "laid to rest" the Soviet doctrine under which the Kremlin had invaded Hungary in 1956 and Czechoslovakia in 1968.

"I think this is a major step towards understanding and trying to tear down any remaining barriers that shot up because of the cold war," Bush said in a separate solo news conference following the joint appearance.

Arms cuts

The Soviet leader said there was no specific timetable for a new arms agreement to cut long-range nuclear forces by 50 per cent, but he hoped one could be agreed on before a summit set for next June in the United States.

During his later news conference, Bush said, "I really don't see a reason why it can't happen."

The two leaders directed US Secretary of State James Baker and Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze to meet in January for further work on major issues of a strategic weapons treaty.

Centrals

Asked about Central America, where the United States has complained about continued flow of Soviet arms to El Salvador rebels, Bush said there were differences between the leaders.

Gorbachev said the Soviets had been told by Nicaragua, an ally the United States accuses of funneling the weapons to the Salvadoran rebels, that such shipments had stopped. Bush said it appeared Nicaragua was lying to the Soviets.

The news conference followed nearly eight hours of talks over two days that focused on arms control, trade, regional conflicts in Central America and elsewhere as well as Europe.

Stormy weather, including high winds that stirred up heavy swells, forced the leaders to cancel one meeting and a dinner and to hold two other meetings on the *Maxim Gorky*, a 12-deck luxury liner that served as Gorbachev's headquarters during the summit.

All meetings originally had been scheduled to take place aboard Soviet and US warships anchored near each other in Marsaxlokk Bay. The *Maxim Gorky* was anchored at a pier in the bay, in view of the storm-swept warships, near each other in Marsaxlokk Bay.

They met for five hours Saturday and three hours Sunday. On Saturday, the foul weather stranded Bush for the evening at his headquarters, the USS *Belknap*.

Invitation

When reporters on the *Maxim Gorky* asked before Sunday's meeting if having the summit aboard ships was a bad idea, both men said no.

"This whole incident shows we can adjust to changing circumstances very well," Gorbachev said.

White House press secretary Martin Fitzwater said Sunday's meeting was switched to the *Maxim Gorky* because the Soviets refused to travel to the Belknap or the Soviet warship, the *Slava*.

"He doesn't share our love of the sea," Fitzwater said.

In Saturday's session, Bush invited Gorbachev to the United States in the last two weeks of June 1990, setting a target date for a summit agreed on last September, officials said.

Economy

Bush also expressed willingness to help the Soviet economy as a means of bolstering reforms. Gorbachev is trying to implement.

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Bush agreed with the Soviet leader that citizens of each country "must determine how to proceed with change, and he said the United States doesn't want to do anything 'unrealistic' that causes any country to end up going backwards, or end up having its own people in military conflict, one with the other."

MARSAXLOKK BAY, Malta. Dec 3. (AP): Here are excerpts of US President George Bush's statement at the conclusion of his two-day summit meeting with Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev.

"I first approached Chairman Gorbachev about an informal meeting of this kind after my trip to Europe last July. The surprising changes that I witnessed in Poland and in Hungary, hopeful changes, led me to believe that it was time to sit down with Chairman Gorbachev, face to face, to see what he and I could do to seize the opportunity before us to move this relationship forward. He agreed with that concept of a meeting, and so we got rapid agreement."

"And I think that the extraordinarily... developments in Europe since the time that the meeting was proposed have reinforced the importance of getting together. So I'm especially glad we had this meeting, and we did gain a deeper understanding of each other's views. We set the stage for progress across a broad range of issues."

"And while it is not for the United States and the Soviet Union to design the future for Europeans or for any other people, I am convinced that a co-operative US-Soviet relationship can indeed make the future safe and bright."

"And it is within our grasp to contribute, each in our own way, to overcoming the division of Europe, and ending the military confrontation there. We've got to do more to ameliorate the violence and suffering that afflict so many regions in the world and to remove common threats to our future."

"The deterioration of the environment, the spread of nuclear and chemical weapons, ballistic missile technology, the narcotics trade, and our discussions here will give greater impetus to make real progress in these areas."

"There's also a great potential to develop common opportunities."

"For example, the Soviet Union now seeks greater engagement with the international market economy, a step that certainly I'm prepared to encourage in every way I can."

"As I leave Malta for Brussels and a meeting with our NATO allies, I am optimistic that, as the West works patiently together and increasingly co-operates with the Soviet Union, we can realise a lasting peace and transform the East-West relationship to one of enduring co-operation."

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MARSAXLOKK BAY, Malta. Dec 3. (AP): Here are excerpts from Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev's statement at the end of his two-day summit with US President George Bush, as translated by an interpreter:

"I share the view voiced by President George Bush that we are satisfied in general with the results of the meeting."

"Our meeting was characterised by openness, by a full scope of the exchange of views. Today, it is even difficult and perhaps there is no sense to explain the entire range of issues that we have discussed. I wish to say right away, nevertheless, that on all the major issues, we attempted in a frank manner, using each side's arguments, to explain our positions, both with regard to the assessment of the situation and the current changes in the world, in Europe, and as regards disarmament issues. We addressed the Geneva negotiating process, the Vienna process, and also negotiations on the elaboration of the chemical weapons ban. All those questions were considered thoroughly."

"The President and I, myself, also thought it necessary to exchange views on our perception, both from Moscow and Washington, of the 'hot' places on our planet. And this exchange of views was very significant and thorough. We reaffirmed our former positions that all those issues, acute issues, must be resolved by political methods. And I consider that this was a very important statement of fact."

"We not only discussed problems and explained our positions, I think that both sides had many elements which, if they are taken into account in our future activities, activities of both governments, then we can count on progress. This concerns the subject of the reduction of strategic offensive arms by 50 per cent. And we have an optimistic assessment of the possibility to move even next year to the conclusion of the Vienna treaty. We both are in favour — and this is our position. Naturally, we can be responsible only for our position. We are in favour of signing this document at the summit meeting."

"This time we discussed much bilateral relations. And I, on my part, would like to note many positive elements and points which were contained in statements and words by President Bush. Thus, I would say that in all directions of the political dialogue of our discussion, including bilateral course, the continuity of our political course — and I should say, although we had an informal meeting, we met only for the first time with President Bush in his capacity, and the confirmation of the continuity of the course is an important element..."

"Our world and our relations are at a crucial juncture. We should be highly responsible to face up to the challenges of today's world. And the leaders of our two countries cannot act as a fire brigade, although fire brigades are very useful. We have to keep it in mind also. This element was also present."

"Dear compatriots, patriots, meeting with organised opposition," the appeal said in reference to Gorbachev's programme for economic and political renewal.

"If we do not approve the law on land, another agricultural year will be spoiled," it said. "If we do not approve

the laws on property ownership and on enterprise, this will allow the (government) ministries and departments to continue the command system and to impoverish the country."

"If Article 6 is not removed from the constitution, it will lead to a further crisis of trust between the leaders of the state and the party, and the people."

The five influential lawmakers called for the warning strike as Gorbachev met with President Bush to discuss the recent changes sweeping eastern Europe at a superpower summit in the Mediterranean off the island nation of Malta.

They issued the appeal one week after Gorbachev, on the eve of his departure for a state visit to Italy, that preceded the summit, said the Soviet Union will remain a one-party state.

Azeris defy Kremlin

MOSCOW, Dec 3. (Reuters): The president of Azerbaijan has said her republic will suspend part of a Kremlin ruling altering the status of the disputed territory of Nagorno-Karabakh, an Azerbaijani journalist said today.

Independent journalist Nazim Rzayev said President Elshira Kafarov announced on local television yesterday that the republic's sovereignty was infringed by the ruling, which returned the territory to Azerbaijani control.

Kafarov's announcement put Soviet authorities on a collision course with both Azerbaijan and Armenia, which both claim the territory in the Soviet Transcaucasian region.

The Armenian parliament on Friday denounced the ruling and voted to unite its republic with Nagorno-Karabakh.

More than 120 people have died in some two years of conflict over Nagorno-Karabakh. The region, populated mainly by Armenians, has been run by Azerbaijan for more than 60 years but was placed under direct rule from Moscow last January.

Rzayev told Reuters by telephone from the Azerbaijan capital Baku that Kafarov announced the impending suspension during a television debate.

"She said parts of the ruling infringed Azerbaijani sovereignty and the republic's Supreme Soviet (parliament) agreed that some of its provisions should be suspended," he said.

"We feel like hostages in our city, separated from the rest of the world," Gaguyeva said, speaking by telephone from Tskhinvali. She said supplies of food were starting to run short.

It was not immediately possible to contact authorities in the Caucasus republic for comment, but ethnic violence was reported in the Ossetian region earlier this week.



Tisch: damage



Mittag: abuse

Politburo-men held

Krenz gang takes a fall

EAST BERLIN, Dec 3. (AP):

East Germany's ruling Communist Party politburo resigned today along with the central committee, East German radio reported.

The resignation of party chief Egon Krenz and his 10-man politburo was announced on the radio by Guenter Schabowski, a reform-minded member of the ruling body. Krenz has been in power for less than two months and retained his job as party general-secretary for the time being.

The official news agency ADN said a large number of the former leadership had been expelled from the party, including former Premier Willi Stoph and former Parliament speaker Horst Sindermann.

All 163 members of the policy-making central committee also resigned.

No replacements were immediately named. The changes apparently did not affect the government, led by new Premier Hans Modrow.

The moves came after growing calls for the resignations of Krenz and the entire leadership among charges of massive corruption in the top party ranks.

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Earlier, ADN reported the arrests of three former politburo members and the escape from the country of another senior official.

Guenter Mittag and Harry Tisch were taken into investigative custody suspected of "heavily damaging socialist property and the people's economy through abuse of power," ADN said.

Mittag had been the country's economy chief under Honecker, while Tisch had been the chief of the communist-run trade unions federation.

ADN said Gerhard Mueller, former party leader in the city of Erfurt and former candidate, or non-voting, member of the politburo, had also been arrested

under similar suspicions.

ADN also reported that Alexander Schalck-Golodowski, a state secretary in the Foreign Trade Ministry, had fled the country after authorities opened an investigation against him for possible corruption.

Earlier, ADN said the country's chief state prosecutor was investigating allegations that Schalck-Golodowski was involved in illegal arms sales.

Schalck-Golodowski was East Germany's chief trade negotiator and had headed the commercial co-ordination department, which has been responsible for acquiring hard currency.

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Czechs protest at new cabinet

PRAGUE, Dec 3. (Agencies): A new communist-dominated coalition government was named today,

Kuwait's backing for Palestine lauded Battash expresses appreciation

KUWAIT, Dec 3 (Kuna): Palestine's Ambassador to Kuwait Awni Battash has expressed deep appreciation for the responsible role played by Kuwait State Minister for Foreign Affairs Saoud Mohammed Al Ossami during the extraordinary meeting for the Arab League Ministerial Council, which concluded in Tunis last week.

In an interview with Kuna, Battash said that Kuwait has played a prominent role in backing the struggle of the Palestinian people in all Arab, regional and international gatherings.

He added that the Palestinian people will always remember with pride these "noble nationalistic stands."

Battash pointed out the resolutions endorsed by recent Arab League council meeting, which urged US President George Bush and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev to realize settlements for all regional crises, particularly the Arab-Israeli conflict.

He hailed the Arab League resolution calling on Arab

employees to donate one day's pay to the intifada, which closes its second year.

The Palestinian ambassador urged for a speedy implementation of this "important" resolution to cover the cash shortage, which is impeding the uprising from embarking on one of its key phases, namely comprehensive civil disobedience.

Arabs to face major hurdles in '90s: Hamad

Population, water, environment problems

THE Arab world will face three major challenges during the 1990s, according to the chairman and director-general of Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development (AFESD) Abdulla Al Hamad.

In an interview with a local daily, Hamad was quoted as saying that these challenges will be represented in the form of population, water and environment.

Hamad said: "When we talk about the population we mean all the dimensions of such a problem including human resources, density, training and geographical distribution."

Speaking of the water problem, Hamad said when we probe the horizons of the 21st century we will notice that water will constitute an international problem not in the Arab world but everywhere.

He clarified that during the next decade some Arab countries will suffer water shortage and deterioration will increase, while some other countries were such as Bangladesh will be faced with floods.

Increase

With regard to the first challenge represented by the population, Hamad was quoted as expecting that the population of the Arab world will by the end of this century reach 290 million. Speaking his thoughts aloud, he queried as to how the Arab world will deal with this constant increase in population while Arab countries were

currently suffering food shortages and unemployment problems.

But he added if the Arab economies were developed, the population increase will constitute a privilege for Arab countries in view of the purchasing power which will result from this increase particularly during the era where the world is witnessing the setting up of international economic blocs.

He said that medication for this fatal disease has not been found yet.

Meanwhile, the official expressed optimism towards the success of the forthcoming efforts confirming that the future will be better than the past.

Co-ordination

Replies to a question over the co-ordination among the three Arab economic councils, Hamad said that the Arab economy is an integrated one and the Arab economic community would be inevitable in the long term particularly when the Arab population will amount to 290 million by the beginning of the next century.

He clarified that the GCC population for example amounts currently to 17 million and equals the population of Cairo city in Egypt. Hence, the GCC countries will constitute a very limited market. Therefore, the Arab economic bloc will constitute an integrated component to a comprehensive Arab market. He clarified that the small Arab economic blocs could not confront international economic blocs individually.

She added that the number of cases given to the World Health Organisation from this region does not reflect the complete picture of the real situation of HIV infection.

She stressed that counselling is a vital part for preventing and controlling aids.

Counselling does not only help those who are infected but also helps prevent the spread of HIV infection, she added.

KUWAIT, Dec 3, (Kuna): Planning and Acting Health Minister Abdul Rahman Al Awadi today inaugurated here the training workshop on psychosocial counselling for persons with HIV infection, AIDS and related diseases.

The minister delivered a speech on dangers of AIDS and stressed the importance of public awareness.

He said that medication for this fatal disease has not been found yet.

Dr. Hind Abu Al Saoud delivered a speech on behalf of Dr. Hussein A. Gerairy, the regional director of WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region (EMR).

Saoud said that in the Eastern Mediterranean region most cases of AIDS have occurred among two main groups "People who had received transfusions of blood obtained from countries where HIV infection was prevalent at the time, and those who have had sexual contact abroad with persons from these countries."

He described the era as experimental which was conducted under specific circumstances. He added that the current Arab co-operation inherits better chances for success and clarified that the Arab Economic Councils including Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC), Arab Co-operation Council (ACC) and Arab Maghreb Union (AMU) constituted bricks in the Arab co-operation edifice, clarifying that

each Arab bloc would be able to face the huge international economic blocs on their own.

The Arab councils are moving in the right direction by opting to follow the economic trend for its march instead of the political path. He expressed hopes that this trend will continue, clarifying that political attitudes of the countries could be changed easily but the change of an economic policy is not easy to achieve.

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Relations

Speaking of Inter-Arab economic relations, the official said that all the Arab economic pacts during the 1940s were concentrated on the political aspects rather than economic.

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Legal Clinic

If you have a legal problem, labour or any other kind, send your questions to Arab Times, Legal Clinic. Our Kuwaiti lawyer Khaled Taker replies to readers' queries. Write to Legal Clinic, Arab Times, P.O. Box 2270, 13023 Safat, Kuwait or fax your questions on Fax No. 4847495.

AN individual residing in Kuwait for 15 years was unable to transfer his residence due to unforeseen circumstances. What is the maximum penalty a person is required to pay in these circumstances? What is the procedure for payment?

If such an individual is to re-enter Kuwait on a new residence permit, is he required to undergo medical tests? Are medical tests required even for a person who has continually resided in Kuwait? If so, is there a specified clinic in Kuwait where they can be done before his departure, or can they be done in any of the government clinics? I would appreciate your advice.

A.S.

THE person who has delayed residence — employer or employee — is responsible for not making the residence on time.

The penalty was fixed for KD 2 per day for delaying residence renewal; this is payable to the immigration department at the time of cancelling a visa and getting an exit stamp on the passport. The exact amount to be paid by an individual is calculated by the immigration officials.

All persons entering on a new visa, regardless of whether they were previously residents of Kuwait, must undergo medical tests in Kuwait.

The tests are conducted by the Ports and Borders Public Health Authority, which comes under the Ministry of Health. Medical tests cannot be conducted before departure, as suggested by you. When a person enters on a fresh visa, he has to complete the medical test formalities within two weeks of arrival.

WHAT is the age limit for a person to obtain a no. 18 visa?

A reader.

TO my knowledge, there is no law in Kuwait prohibiting employment on age alone. Immigration rules fix the age between 18 years minimum and 50 years maximum.

I ARRIVED in Kuwait on Aug 23, 1980 on visa no. 18. Since I have worked with various firms, from mid 1985, I have been continuously working with a firm. My residence permit expires within three weeks. Although I wish to continue my employment, my sponsor is not renewing the same. So, I found another employer, willing to transfer my residence. But my sponsor is not giving a release letter.

Please advise, how to settle the matter amicably. Kindly let me know (1) Can my present sponsor re-signate me against my wish? (2) Can I approach the authorities for my rights?

I don't wish to harm my sponsor. My prime requirement is to recover my passport and get a release letter only.

Safieddin Ali.

AS YOU have completed more than three years employment, your employer has no right to stop you from working for someone else. If he refuses, you can file a case against the employer to get a release and the passport. This can be done by approaching the Ministry of Social Affairs; if the investigators are unable to finalise your case, it will be referred to a court which will look into the matter.

A passport is a personal document and must be with you. At the time of applying to the authorities, you must give the name of the new sponsor, willing to sponsor you.

Regarding end of service benefits, as you have not completed five years service, you are entitled to get salary, if any due, and unpaid salary.

I AM a United Kingdom citizen. My employment as teacher recently began in a private school. I am extremely unhappy in my job and am considering returning home. I would, however, prefer to stay in Kuwait and need to know the legality of changing jobs.

I signed an official contract in the UK. My employment contract is on a yearly continuous basis; it also states "teachers agree not to seek employment in Kuwait in other schools or companies for a period of two years."

I consider that the school has broken their contract with me as the job is nothing like the description I was given.

E.J.

NEW rules that came into effect in March 1989 state that an employee who has not completed three years of service cannot seek a transfer of residence from one sponsor to another.

The penalty was fixed for KD 2 per day for delaying residence renewal; this is payable to the immigration department at the time of cancelling a visa and getting an exit stamp on the passport. The exact amount to be paid by an individual is calculated by the immigration officials.

Firday, in case you leave the job before completing the contract, the employer gets the right to claim compensation from you for not abiding by the contract terms. This is stated in article 53 of the private sector labour law. In the event of breaking the contract, the compensation will not be more than the salary of the rest of the contract period.

Secondly, your wish to stay in Kuwait and work for someone else is forbidden for two reasons: (1) When you signed your contract, you agreed not to seek employment elsewhere for a period of two years. A clause in your contract, stated by you, covers this aspect. It also states that teachers agree not to seek employment in another school or company for a period of two years. (2) Social Affairs and Labour rules, Article 16, state that an employee must complete three years service with one employer to be eligible for a transfer of job.

Under the circumstances, it seems necessary to complete the contract duration.

Another alternative would be to discuss the matter with your employer and settle it amicably.

I AM a Filipino. I came to Kuwait in 1984 and held a visa No. 20. I want to apply for a visa No. 18. Please tell me what are the necessary things to do to get visa No. 18?

IT IS essential to find a sponsor, willing to provide a No. 18 visa for you. If you find one, you can cancel the present residence, No. 20 visa, and re-enter Kuwait.

I HAVE arrived, continuously, for years in a Kuwait shareholding company, a semi-government organisation, on visa No. 18. I will complete 10 years service at the end of June 1990, by which date my present visa also expires. Is there a compulsory retirement age in the private sector labour law? If so, please give reference. Can the company extend my visa in June 1990 for a further period, even though, I have reached 60 years of age?

TO my knowledge, the Kuwaiti labour law does not cover the situation of the over-60s. There is no article to define the upward limits of employment.

Your employment depends on in-house company rules, made by individual employers.

If your company requires your services, they can extend your visa, and thus, employment. If they don't, there is no other alternative but to leave the country.

Even if a person has not reached the age of retirement, a company reserves the right to end a contract at any time they deem fit.

IF I be grateful if you would kindly answer the following:

1. Do you answer questions related to family problems between husband and wife (expatriates living in Kuwait) from a legal point of view?

2. Can you answer without publishing letters in the newspaper for purposes of secrecy?

3. Would you keep such letters/questions confidential?

Jayd.

1. I CAN advise on family disputes. In Kuwait, the law of the husband's country is applied in case of a family dispute. Therefore, I'll have to refer to the personal status law of the country of the man.

If my firm deals with cases pertaining to a certain nationality, and the rules are readily available in my office, I'll be happy to oblige you with an answer. If not, I may have to express regrets.

2. We introduced this column in the newspaper to enable a large number of readers to benefit from my advice. We can protect your identity in replying to a query, we can also keep details of your case confidential. While publishing a query, we can only refer to queries, generalizing them.

If you need secrecy, it would be advisable to hire a private lawyer and seek his advice.

SEVERAL years ago, our father took away our passports and did not renew them. Ever since then, we have been living in this country illegally, with no valid passports and no residence permits. We cannot give you full details. However, we would like to tell you that we are unemployed and do not go to school. We are not responsible for what our father did. Now we want to leave Kuwait without trouble. What can we do? Can you help?

YOU must contact your embassy immediately and seek their assistance. If you explain your situation, your embassy officials may be able to resolve the matter.

As you are aware, you are presently breaking the residence law.

Once you obtain passport, you must settle the problem by approaching the Immigration Department, preferably through your embassy, and explain the situation and get an exit permit.

If you can give your father's address, and he is still in Kuwait, he will be called and questioned about the issue and the matter will be settled without much trouble.

I CAME to Kuwait in June 1987 on a visa No. 20 and worked as an AC technician cum-driver for the same sponsor in his shop. Later, my sponsor gave me No. 18 visa and I returned on the fresh work permit in January 1989. I am working in the same shop for him.

Now I have a good opportunity to work for a big company, which is ready to give me a visa. But my sponsor is not ready to cancel my residence. My residence expires in January 1990. Can I go on leave, and after expiry of my residence, re-enter Kuwait on a fresh visa No. 18? Is it necessary to cancel the residence?

ACTUALLY, it is upto you to decide the best course of action. If you can get a new visa, you can return to Kuwait.

You can go on leave, and after the expiry of six months your residence is automatically cancelled. Then, you can try to enter with a new visa. When you re-enter, you can inform the immigration officer that you overstayed and request him to cancel the visa. If he does, you can re-enter the country.

Waste centres to be established

KUWAIT, Dec 3, (Kuna): An official at the Regional Organisation for the Protection of Marine Environment (ROPME) today called for establishing and re-developing the existing wastes centres in the region.

Technical and administrative affairs co-ordinator general at Ropme Dr. Badria Al Awadi, in a speech before a regional meeting for waste centres' experts, said the meeting is held to review the experts and member countries recommendations regarding the International Marine Organisation's report for establishing

waste centres in the region.

She added, in the speech which it conveyed on behalf of Ropme Acting Executive Secretary and Kuwaiti Planning Minister Dr. Abdul Rahman Al Awadi, that Ropme hopes the gathering would yield a positive outcome and decisions concerning establishments of those centres.

She said the gathering's decisions and recommendations will be submitted to Ropme's 7th ministerial council session for final approval.

The meeting, which started here today, will last till Dec 5.

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Vehicle exhaust pollution study approved by EPC

THE secretary of the Environmental Protection Council Ibrahim Hadi has said that the council has approved a study seeking to reduce pollution caused by vehicles' exhaust pipes. However, the study remains to be approved by the Council of Ministers prior to implementation.

In an interview with a local daily, he said the study provided effective solutions to the problem of exhaust-pipe pollution. These have been achieved by formulating special specifications for this purpose, and for the production of unleaded oil, besides implementing a well-studied control system to manipulate the traffic flow in main streets during peak hours.

Kuwait Oil Corporation had contributed a technical and economic study to determine the production cost of unleaded oil. Government concern in this regard, came in response to the results showing a considerable percentage of pollution caused by exhaust-pipe smoke during peak hours which required effective control measures.

The foul smell problem has escalated with the constant urban development and the Ministry of Public Works, has recommended solutions to control this problem. This is mainly caused by the careless dumping by some citizens of solid waste material in the public sewer the official said and called on all citizens and expatriates to co-operate with the government in this respect.

He said that the Department of Environmental Protection at the Public Health Ministry had a special work team which carried out inspection visits to various installations and working sites to ensure that the work did not jeopardise the environment or cause any pollution.

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Need to further assess Arab security strategies: Salem

Interior ministers approve decisions, budget

CAIRO, Dec 3. (Kuna): Kuwait Interior Minister Sheikh Salem Sabah Al Salem today lauded Egypt for hosting the 8th session of the Council of Arab Interior Ministers and expressed appreciation for the hospitality accorded to the conferees.

Speaking at the closing meeting here today, Sheikh Salem paid tribute to Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak for patronising the session and commended his words that "the ministers were providing security and stability to the Arab world."

He also extended gratitude, in his

name and on behalf of fellow colleagues, to Saudi Interior Minister Prince Naif Bin Abdul Aziz, the honorary chairman of the council for his support and personal interest on the Arab centre for Security and Training Studies.

Review

Sheikh Salem also thanked Egyptian Interior Minister Gen. Zaki Badr for the high standard and efficiency demonstrated in administering and organising the meeting and for the fraternity and generosity shown to the conferees.

He reviewed the accomplishments of the Council of Arab Interior Ministers over the past 12 years since the convening of the first session in September 1977, saying that the council has implemented many plans and programmes including security strategies which suited the foundation stage and the circumstances that were facing the Arab world.

However, he said, despite great achievements there was a need for further assessment of the Arab action in security fields to cope with development in crime in the last decade of the

20th century.

He praised the Arab interior ministers' determination and insistence on preserving the religious values and genuine traditions of the society, noting that "further bolstering of security achievements impose on us the task of continuous co-operation and coordination in security spheres to encounter the challenges of the coming phase."

Arab interior ministers approved a host of decisions tackling security problems and bolstering security coordination at the Arab level.

Chaired Egypt's Interior Minister General Zaki Badr, the session approved the exchange of information among Arab states on crimes committed and set up a committee to lay down applicable rules and types of crimes involved.

Regional office

The ministers, who opened their 8th session here last Friday, referred a UN proposal to establish a regional office in Cyprus for exchange of information on drugs to the general secretariat for further study.

They also approved a general bud-

get for 1990 and scheduled their next session for the first week of December 1990 in Bahrain.

Reviewing annual reports on implementation of an Arab security plan and an Arab strategy on fighting drugs, the session expressed satisfaction at the progress of implementation and assigned a work team from the secretariat to recommend to the ninth session on ways to fully execute the plan and strategy.

At the political level, the ministers condemned all forms of terrorism and asserted the right of people to struggle

for liberation as a lawful act according to the UN charter and International laws.

They supported the Palestinian Intifada against Israel's occupation and inhuman practices and renewed backing to the process of national reconciliation in Lebanon according to the Taif agreement and under the elected government of President Elias Hrawi.

The Arab interior minister thanked the Egyptian authorities for their hospitality and efforts made to ensure success of their meetings.

GCC war manoeuvres to be held in Kuwait

YOUSSEF Obeid, director of the operations rooms at Kuwait's Land Forces has announced that the fourth war games of the Peninsula Shield will be staged in Kuwait. These games will see the participation of all GCC army units, the official added.

Speaking to a local magazine, the official said that the manoeuvres will take place next March and noted that the land force's command and directors have started preparations for the training to ensure their success.

The land forces unit will undertake training on the date fixed so as to synchronise with the availability of all required cooperation from the directorate of land forces supply and logistics.

Col. Obeid elaborated that this exercise aims to unify fighting methods and field skills in GCC armies, indicating that the GCC military committee is sponsoring the manoeuvres and coordinates with concerned authorities in armies of these states.

He said that upon actual implementation of the training programme, high-ranking officers would pay an inspection visit to the training field to review the performance and efficiency level of troops. Special reports will be submitted to the training directorate at the Operations and Plans Authority.

The official pointed out that co-operation exists between land force and other air and navy forces, saying co-operation is very important, specially that many missions and exercises group the three armed forces.



Dancing couple united in childhood passion

By Fathima Ahmed
Arab Times staff

INDIAN Kuchipudi dancers Drs Raja and Radha spread infectious enthusiasm from this ancient dance form that originated among a group of Brahmin families in the southern state of Andhra Pradesh.

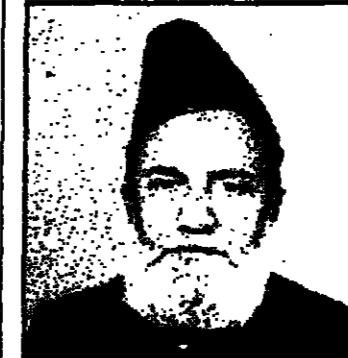
They are now in Kuwait to present the first ever show of Kuchipudi dance.

A couple, a living example of the dying institution of child marriage, have the distinct honour of getting the national awards in the same year. It is indeed rare for two people in a family to win a national award. Both Raja and Radha received the awards in 1984 for their contribution to Indian Prades.

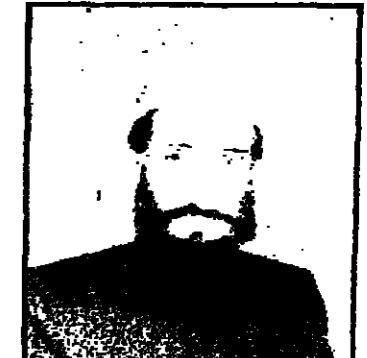
When Radha was five, and Raja 11, their parents decided they should be married. In a ceremony that the two hardly remember, they danced into each others lives. Ever since that time, Raja's passion for Kuchipudi, rubbed off on Radha. Both defied their masters, he was learning Kuchipudi in its hometown.

In the 19 years since they went professional, the couple have danced before appreciative audiences as far apart as in Egypt, Dubai, Baghdad and Germany.

They will perform on Dec 4 and 5 at the Indian Arts Circle, Funaites. Both performances, varying in content, will present all the main aspects of the dance form — Abhinaya (expression), nritya (dance), Sringar Ras (erotic) and Tandava (rhythm).



Hakim Siharanpuri
Islamic lectures



Mohammed Islahi

Lufthansa sponsors piano recital in Kuwait, UAE

BY way of saying 'thank you' to their top agents and clients for the good results achieved during 1989, Lufthansa German Airlines will sponsor a Chopin recital by world famous pianist Jerzy Romaniuk this month.

Jerzy Romaniuk started his musical education at the Secondary Musical School in Lodz, in the class of Professor Zygmunt Jesmian. In the years 1963-1968 he studied at the State Higher School of Music in Warsaw. A few months after he had received his diploma, he made a successful debut on stage at the National Philharmonic Society in Warsaw playing Brahms' Concerto in D minor. The artist has also made a number of tours, among others Yugoslavia, GDR and Great Britain. After one of his recitals in London "The Times" wrote "Jerzy Romaniuk, a Polish pianist of wonderful technique and mastery."

In the winter of 1989, Jerzy Romaniuk made a highly successful tour of West Germany. After the performances in West Germany, the young pianist went on a tour of Holland, where he recorded works by Rachmaninov and Schumann for the radio. In 1980, he signed a contract with a Dutch record company for recording works by Liszt, Szymanowski and Chopin. In recent years he has performed in Spain, France, Denmark, Holland, Italy, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Cuba and West Germany. For his debut concert in the Middle East, the programme will include major works of Chopin.

The artist will perform in Kuwait on December 4 and 5 followed by Abu Dhabi on the 9th and in Dubai on December 10.

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Shortage of experts hampers court trials

Dhahr cases almost settled

THE not too optimistic economic situation in the country has significantly contributed to the increase in the number of legal cases related to labour, banking, contracting and financially related judicial trials, a senior official said.

Khaled Al Mudaf, director of experts department at the Ministry of Justice said the number of experts who study and inspect these cases are totally inadequate in number to efficiently handle the job.

Experts

Giving a breakdown, the official said that there are 73 experts working in the department — including 33 engineers and 40 accountants. This number includes 21 Kuwaiti engineers and 18 Kuwaiti accountants and is reflected, by this department's encouragement, to Kuwaitis to join the department. It grants them allowances that reach KD100 a month, besides

an annual bonus of KD2000 for top experts and KD1,500 for experts of other classes.

Most of the housing cases at Dhahr Housing Project have been settled, the official said and added that only two or three cases remain which are being reviewed by experts at the department. The two parties of these cases are government (National Housing Authority) and the contractors who carried out the housing project.

Branches

Mudaf said that studies are being undertaken to see the feasibility of opening branches of the department in the courts of governorates — specifically Hawalli. The department has appointed a total of 30 Kuwaiti experts during the last two years and no non-Kuwaiti has been appointed during the last five years, the official said.

Mudaf disclosed that the

Multiplying organisations burden to state: official

KUWAIT, Dec 3. (Kuna): A senior Kuwaiti official today spoke against the multiplying number of regional, Arab, Muslim and international organisations, saying they represented a burden on Kuwait's limited human and financial resources.

In a lecture today at Kuwait University Meriam Abdul Kerim Al Awadi, assistant Under-Secretary of Planning explained that this was one of the reasons for Kuwait to reconsider its stance vis-a-vis these organisations.

He criticised the multitude of specialised agencies, and noted that the lack of co-ordination among them had led to duplication and redundancy of programmes and activities.

Awadi complained that in some cases, Kuwait's contribution to some organisations had more than doubled and recalled that Kuwait is one of the Arabian Gulf countries on whom organisations depend for most of their due payments when some member-states fail to honour their financial commitments.

Planning strategy referred to HPC

By Mahmoud Abdules

YESTERDAY the Ministry of Planning submitted the draft of the long term planning strategy to the Council of Ministers, which studied the recommendations and referred it to the Higher Planning Council for final approval. A number of slight changes have been introduced to the strategy aiming at amending the course of the Kuwaiti economy.

Awadi announced that "we have agreed on the final formula of the strategy which the government thinks is the way to achieve the long term objectives and face challenges." Awadi added that there were no differences in opinion about the strategy although some discussions took place about foreign investments and to which areas of the world these investments should be directed during the coming few years.

Awadi also announced that the final formula of the second five-year plan starting next year, will be ready by the end of January next year and the various ministries and departments will start discussions on it during the month of February.

Private sector

About the prospective role of the private sector, Awadi said that "this role will be more polarized with action and not theories." He added that it is not possible to plan for the private sector under the free economy system. This sector can respond with our directives and what the government provides. He said that the government is still committed to providing the private sector with a bigger role and the best possible opportunity to contribute to the country's development. Discussions will continue on this issue until we arrive at the best results, he added. He said that the "problem of economic development in Kuwait lies in the social returns of any economic activity. "Some times we sacrifice profits for the sake of important social issues but we cannot do the reverse. Our attempt now will be to concentrate on achieving better performance of the local economy by preserving the social returns," Awadi stressed.

Cuno: world-wide reputation for filters

Mohammed Ali Hassan, Cuno representative for the Middle East and Africa speaking to Arab Times said that in anticipation of the availability of potable fresh water free of rust in Kuwait by the year 1993, the problem of water red colouration will remain without radical solutions.

With this backdrop, Hassan said that the Cuno company was established in 1912 and has gained world-wide reputation for manufacturing both industrial and domestic filters. The company has eight factories in different parts of the world — 4 being in the USA.

The company uses the latest technologies in the manufacture of filters to address all kinds of liquids including the blood plasma, medicinal industries, chemicals and petroleum and water, especially potable drinking water.

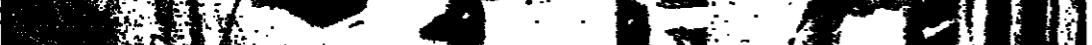
However, he said that it is worth mentioning that the Ministry of Electricity and Water in Kuwait gives water due care and attention and events considerable efforts to provide enough potable water for every citizen. In this department, HE the Minister of Electricity and Water, Dr.

Hamoud Abdulla Al Riquiba had recently signed a contract with the aim of getting rid of the colouration in drinking water.

Elucidating on the role played by Cuno company and its distributors in the State of Kuwait, Hassan said that the company is very keen to provide the best modern and developed products and equipment which are regarded essential for water technology in big sectors such as the industrial, agricultural, foodstuff areas and most important of all being drinking water.

He went on to state that pollutants such as dirt, sand, rust and others do adversely affect citizens and commented that it is imperative that good filters are used to reduce or influence contaminants found in water.

In conclusion, Hassan said that consumers are welcome to report to the company whenever they face any problem arising from their use of company's products. Pictures show (right) Mohammed Ali Hassan and (left) an exhibition of Cuno products.

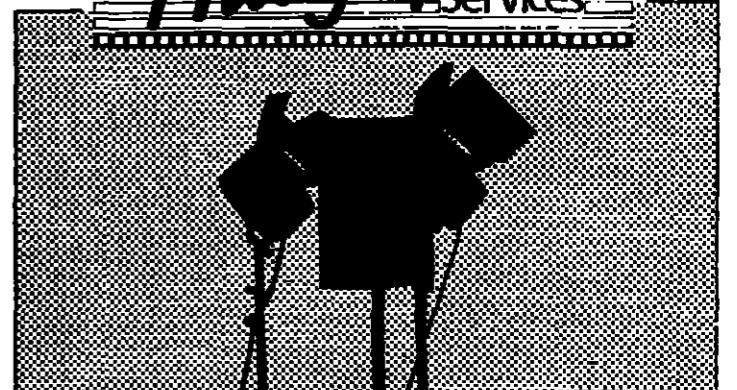


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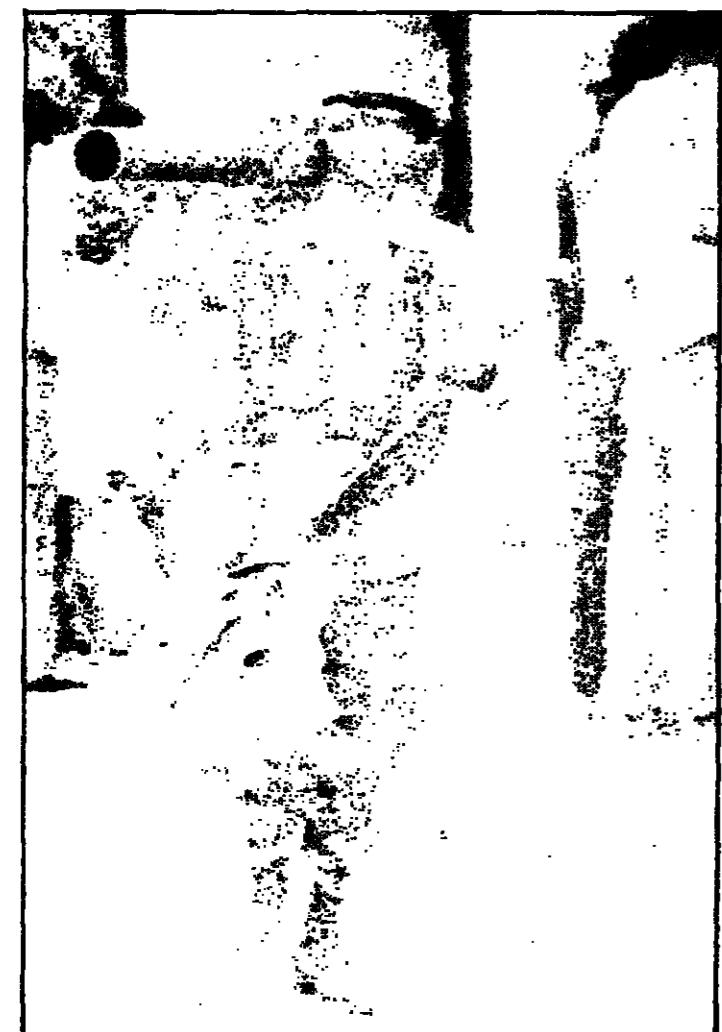
Government soldiers take a respite beneath a sign heralding a Christmas promotion in Makati district. (Reuter wirephoto)



Pro-government troops with bandoliers of bullets take rest for a while near military headquarters in Manila. (Reuter wirephoto)



Soldiers help their injured comrade after rebel troops stormed the main military headquarters in Manila. (Reuter wirephoto)



A pro-government soldier carrying a recoilless rifle passes by civilians watching the firefight against the rebel soldiers in Manila. (Reuter wirephoto)

Scene

Mothers flee Manila fighting

Civilians enjoy the coup opera

MANILA. (Reuter) In the Philippines, everything turns into a show — even a coup. Frightened mothers fled the fighting around the Manila military headquarters on Sunday clutching their babies, but hundreds of inquisitive civilians crowded the perimeter to watch as government helicopters attempted to knock out rebel artillery inside.

Tracer bullets lit up the sky overnight as government and rebel forces exchanged gunfire at Camp Aguinaldo, centre of the previous major coup against President Corazon Aquino in 1987.

Civilians milled outside the camp before sunrise, waiting for the shooting to stop so they could inch forward again to get a better view of the fighting. The thunder of cannon echoed across the battlefield and black smoke billowed from a stricken government tank.

"If there is a lull in the shooting, the people swoop in to gather souvenirs," said a photographer at the besieged military headquarters when the rebels launched a furious dawn assault.

"Most of them just watch. It's a show for them," said a reporter at the scene. Repeated appeals on radio by military authorities for civilians to stay clear of combat zones appeared futile.

The civilians just kept coming back, ignoring the hail of gunfire flying in all directions to

pick up souvenirs of the fighting which has so far claimed at least 95 lives and more than 250 wounded.

The favourites are live bullets, caps of dead soldiers and even their guns.

One civilian tried to retrieve the M-16 rifle of the soldier but was shot and killed as he tried to lug away the gun.

Government troops could not shoot at rebel positions with curious civilians intruding into their line of fire. Aquino accused the rebels of using the civilians as human shields.

"This is a tragic distortion of people power," the embattled president declared in a statement on Sunday.

"In February 1986, those very civilians came out of their own free wills to save the lives of these rebels in that very spot. Now the rebels are holding them at gunpoint to do the same," she said.

"People view this as some kind of theatrical show," said Roman Catholic priest Father Ben Carreon during a television programme. "How can we persuade them that this is real war?" Those not brave or foolhardy enough to visit the scene watched or listened on television and radio, which broadcast the battle live into the nation's homes.

"It's compulsive listening. I'm just glued to the radio, you can hear all the explosions," said a 22-year-old Filipina housewife in a Makati apartment.

In the Makati business district rebel marines units with bandoliers of bullets across their chests took up position near three luxury international hotels and atop apartment buildings.

Normally busy Ayala Avenue was eerily deserted, its Christmas lights twinkling forlornly.

One journalist gingerly approached rebel soldiers at the five-star Intercontinental hotel and saw them getting their pay for the night's work. Each received 300 pesos (\$13).

Some rubbernecks cycled casually down the empty street, approaching close to a rebel armoured car parked opposite the hotel and then sheltering behind the adobe walls of bus stops or a supermarket when the shooting erupted.

Inside the hotels, foreign guests were making the best of their enforced stay indoors. "We've closed the pool area for security reasons, and the guests are staying in their rooms," said a spokesman at the Intercontinental.

"People are eating in the restaurants and reading newspapers and relaxing. There's been some shooting outside the hotel, but there's been no attempt by the rebels to enter the hotel so far," said Johann van Grinsven, the Dutch duty manager of the Manila peninsula Hotel in Makati.

Press attacks US support for Aquino

Bombing request rejected

MANILA. (Reuter) Philippine newspapers on Sunday bitterly criticised the request by President Corazon Aquino for US air support against rebellious soldiers staging a putsch against her government.

They said involvement by American jets on Friday when the attempted coup began and rebel planes bombed the presidential palace would force the government to retain US bases in the Philippines.

"The cost to the Philippines in terms of national honour cannot be redeemed," the independent newspaper *Malaya (freedom)* said in an editorial.

The *Washington Post* also reported in its Sunday edition that Aquino had requested US warplanes to bomb and strafe rebel airbases and other targets, but that President Bush had rejected the request.

Senior administration officials quoted by the newspaper said Bush and his advisers turned down the request aimed at destroying Philippine warplanes and armoured carriers attacking troops loyal to the government.

Aquino's national security adviser, Rafael Ileto, insisted at a news conference on Saturday that Manila asked only for air cover during the coup attempt and did not ask that the fighter jets fly combat missions over Man-

ila.

"Most observers are now agreed that when the time comes to talk bases — retention or how much rent — our negotiators will be practically toothless, especially when George Bush starts calling in this one big IOU," Malaya added.

The Daily Globe said Aquino's decision to seek Washington's help "will rankle in the days and months to come."

"It casts a shadow on the country's image abroad. And it casts an even more disturbing shadow on exploratory talks on the bases which are scheduled to begin this month," he said.

The Manila Standard said allowing F-4 jets to intimidate rebel troops is a "dangerous precedent" and a short step from inviting US troops into the country.

"No aid is ever given for nothing. What is the quid that must be given for the quo? How large will the bill be for the service of preserving a government?" the newspaper asked.



A wounded pro-government trooper takes rest while a fellow soldier prepares to fire for rebel troops. (Reuter wirephoto)



Renegade soldiers take position in Manila's financial district, Makati, during a furious fighting. (Reuter wirephoto)



Rebel troops patrolling inside military headquarters in Manila after the dawn attack. (Reuter wirephoto)

Coup attempt seen severely weakening Aquino politically

MANILA. Dec 3. (Reuter) The sixth and bloodiest coup attempt in the Philippines has severely weakened President Corazon Aquino both politically and diplomatically, while strengthening the men who saved her, political analysts said today.

Swept to power in a popular revolt as the country united behind her in 1986 to oust Ferdinand Marcos after 20 years of authoritarian rule, Aquino's popularity has waned as the problems confronting her have mounted.

The coup has come at a time of mounting criticism of her government's performance, while shattering chances of boosting foreign investment as the Philippines enter the 1990s.

"It will be a political hell for the next two years, even assuming that she keeps the military at bay; that there are no more coup attempts ... what with the problems that will

arise in the economy, inflation, prices, petrol increases, and the usual corruption in high places," said political analyst Tony Gaitan.

One option will be to revamp her cabinet, to regain the political initiative, after coming under fire for rising prices, alleged corruption in government and failing to tackle serious transport and power problems, political sources said.

By requesting US assistance at the height of the fighting, Aquino also appears to have undermined her negotiating position at this month's talks on the future of huge American military bases in the Philippines, diplomats and press commentators said.

Malaya said: "Most observers are now agreed that when the time comes to talk bases — retention or how much rent — our negotiators will be practically toothless, especially when George Bush starts calling in an editorial today.

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US F-4s, on orders of President Bush, joined the battle against mutinous soldiers on Friday after rebel planes bombed the Presidential Palace.

The coup took place when Aquino faced criticism from all sides, with opposition politicians and the press attacking her for indecisiveness and for not being in control of the administration.

The only gainers could be the men who helped save her: President Bush and Aquino's Defence Secretary, Fidel Ramos.

"Now she'll probably share more power, perhaps with secretary Ramos," said one political analyst who asked not to be identified.

Ramos acted coolly during the three-day rebellion, announcing confidently at his battle-scarred military headquarters this after-

noon: "We can declare that the attempted coup by rebel soldiers has been crushed."

Ramos has become the most popular man in the country over the past few months, according to opinion polls, fueling speculation that he could make a bid for the presidency in elections scheduled for 1992 when Aquino's term expires.

The coup will also force her to confront the deep underlying resentment among some senior military officers to her rule.

Gregorio "Gringo" Honasan, a cashiered colonel who was one of the coup leaders, accused Aquino of being soft on the 20-year communist insurgency, tolerating corruption among her relatives and mismanaging the government.

At the height of the coup, the rebels said they had formed their own government, abol-

ishing Congress and removing Aquino from power.

During the coup she publicly accused unnamed opposition figures of supporting and financing the revolt and vowed to use the full powers of the presidency to track them down.

The coup was launched a week after the surprise return from exile of wealthy industrialist and former close Marcos associate Eduardo "Danding" Cojuangco, widely seen as the only man who could unite and perhaps lead the opposition in the 1992 election battle with Aquino or her chosen successor.

Just before the coup, Aquino caused deep resentment by sharply raising the prices of petrol, diesel oil and cooking gas, drawing strong protests from the country's biggest labour unions which have threatened strikes in the coming weeks.

Bush defends his action in Manila

Vow to help Aquino government

VALLETTA, Malta, Dec 3, (UPI): President Bush defended US military aid to help the Philippine government crush a coup attempt and said today he would take additional action if asked, or if American lives were endangered.

Despite continued heavy fighting in Manila, government forces claimed they had quelled the seventh coup against President Corazon Aquino since her "people power" revolution swept into power in February 1986.

The White House, on the final day of the shipboard summit between Bush and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev in the Mediterranean, released a presidential letter to Congress dated Dec 2 detailing the American military action.

Bush said he saw no need for further US military action in the Philippines. But said he would do what was necessary to protect American lives and support Aquino's government.

"At present, I do not foresee the need for US military action in addition to the measures described," he said.

The war powers resolution requires the president to notify Congress within 48 hours of military action.

Bush ordered US fighter jets to provide air cover for government troops only after Bush was notified Aquino was in danger of being overthrown, published reports said.

US officials said the assistance involved two F-4 navy jets blocking air routes used by rebels to strafe and bomb the presidential palace and other strategic government buildings.

The President ordered the planes to fire on rebel aircraft if they became airborne, but that never happened because the rebel planes were grounded by the American threat, the Pentagon said.

The planes were attached to nearby Clark Air Force base, one of two major US military installations in the Philippines.

Bush also deployed a company of US Marines to support guards at the US embassy.

In the letter, the President said he did not "foresee the need for US military action in addition to the measures" carried out, but said he was prepared to "take additional action to protect the lives of Americans should they be threatened and, if requested, to provide further assistance to the government of the Philippines."

About 20,000 US military and civilian dependents live in the Philippines, most attached to the Clark and Subic air bases.

Also today, a government spokesman denied a report in the Washington Post that Aquino asked the United States to bomb rebel strongholds but was turned down.

Philippine deputy press secretary Lourdes Sytanco said US Ambassador Nicholas Platt asked the Aquino government if the United States could provide assistance at the beginning of the coup and that Aquino, after consulting with his generals, told him she only needed air cover.

Rep. Stephen Solarz, a New York Democrat, a chief congressional watchdog of US policy in Asia, said Aquino was in deep trouble and foreign intervention gave the impression that she could not have survived without US help.

"I think the fact of the matter is what the United States did was to help save the day for democracy in the Philippines in response to a request from a democratically elected chief of state," said Solarz, who is chairman of the House Subcommittee on Asian and Pacific Affairs.

"But what was the alternative?" he asked. "The alternative was either to go to the grave or to go into exile."

Solarz was in Taiwan this weekend to observe elections in that country.

In the Philippines, a rebel spokesman warned that American homes in Manila would be targeted if US forces joined Aquino's troops in attacking rebel positions.

The spokesman also claimed US reinforcements were being sent from Okinawa, but a White House official in Manila said that was not so.



'What's happening?'

Corazon Aquino talks over the telephone with defence chief Fidel Ramos telling her the putsch has been crushed. Gunfire can still be heard around Manila. (Reuter wirephoto)



A rebel soldier surrenders his rifle to a pro-government marines officer after their assault on the military headquarters of Camp Aguinaldo had been crushed. (Reuter wirephoto)

Aquino 'sought' US bombing

WASHINGTON, Dec 3, (Reuters): Philippines President Corazon Aquino requested US warplanes to bomb and strafe rebel air bases and other targets but President George Bush rejected her request, the Washington Post reported today.

Bush and his advisers offered instead to provide less lethal combat air patrols by American jets to help keep rebel aircraft on the ground, according to senior administration officials quoted by the newspaper.

The Aquino government request was directed at trying to destroy Philippine warplanes, armoured personnel carriers and other weapons used by the rebel force, the officials told the Post.

"We said yes (to assistance), but we made the rules a little different... we told the Aquino government that if the rebels tried to take off, we would stop them. And that's how it worked out," one official said.

Coup bid blackens Christmas holiday

MANILA, Dec 3, (AP): During the Christmas season, the broad avenues of suburban Makati are a magic place of tinsel and bright lights. This season, they have become a battleground for the future of Corazon Aquino's government.

The sounds of Christmas carols, blared across the shopping district by loudspeakers, have been replaced by the crackle of gunfire.

Makati, the swanky financial district of elegant shops and posh hotels, is the last stronghold in the capital of military mutineers, who launched a coup attempt last Friday against Aquino.

The rebels were driven today from the area around military headquarters at camp Aguinaldo. But they remained holed up today in 11 hotels, high-rises and condominiums of Makati.

Ayala Avenue, Makati's main street, has been deserted since yesterday, when rebels forces moved to the financial section.

Makati is home to foreign embassies, foreign owned banks and firms and head offices of major Philippine corporations. It is also the favoured residential area for foreign diplomats, businessmen and wealthy Filipinos, including close relatives of Aquino.

The fighting has also blasted the building boom in the area since constructions have been halted due to sporadic exchange of gunfire between rebel snipers near project sites and government troops trying to dislodge them.

Fears have been expressed on the possible major damage to buildings where rebels have holed up

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Rebels fired volleys of machine-gun fire from Makati skyscrapers and snipers shot at vehicles on Epifanio delos Santos avenue.

Loyal troops responded with recoilless rifles and heavy machine-guns, causing widespread damage in the area.

Radio station DZRH broadcast an appeal for ambulances, saying many civilians lay wounded along Makati's Pasay road.

A spokesman for the US-run Clark Air Base said American warplanes were not flying over Manila today. US military planes began flying cover for government troops on Friday, hours after rebels launched their assaults, but American officials said the US planes ended those flights at 6 am yesterday.

In Cebu government helicopters dropped leaflets urging rebels to surrender. Brig. Gen. Jose de Leon, commander of the Philippine Air Force, said most of the rebels had come to Cebu from Mindanao but that pilots assigned to the base had refused to the uprising.

"At 3:30 am remnants of the rebel force launched a savage attack on Camp Aguinaldo. They came with armour, artillery, and a desperate desire to punish the AFP for its loyalty to the constitution and the duly constituted government. The rebels' savage attack was repulsed.

"We have had to wait until daybreak to bring our air power to bear on the rebel forces so as to avoid civilian casualties. That is the reason why fighting continues on the perimeter and in certain sections of the camp. But the tide of battle turned almost immediately in favour of our loyal forces.

"In front of Gate 1 of Camp Aguinaldo, government forces have just captured two LVTS or landing vehicle trucks mounted with 105mm cannons. These were the strongest weapons in rebel hands.

"Off V. Luna, we took two V-150's with markings M-421 and M-401 were abandoned.

"We have captured Lieutenant Col Cesar de la Pena, commander of the rebel marine forces.

"Brig. Gen. Rodofo Biazon, chief of the national capital region defense command, estimated up to 3,000 troops joined the mutiny.

After attending mass with her family, Aquino told a nationwide radio and television audience: "I will fulfill what I said — no ceasefire. What they started, we will finish." She said lower ranking enlisted men who joined the putsch would not be punished.

Destroyed

De Villa said the cost of the three-day carnage "has been terrible" for the armed forces, which faces both communist and Muslim insurrections.

"Aside from what you see here, the destroyed equipment outside... it cost the armed forces something like 26 killed and 234 wounded on both sides," said De Villa, whose home was destroyed by rebel airmen on Friday.

De Leon said the Philippine Air Force lost seven T-28s aircraft, one Sikorsky helicopter, one highlander and one F-5 jet, whose pilot was killed. He said the Sangley Point naval air station was severely damaged when government jets attacked rebels there on Friday.

The mutiny was spearheaded by marines and army scout rangers, considered the elite of the 160,000-member armed forces.

Ironically, the most loyal branch was the Philippine Constabulary, widely criticised as the most corrupt and ineffective branch of service.

Sporadic explosions and gunfire echoed across Makati where hundreds of foreign tourists and businessmen remained trapped inside three luxury international hotels.

At the Intercontinental Hotel, around 40 rebel troops of the elite Scout Rangers still held positions in the ballroom and on the roof. Managers said the hotel was virtually full, with 400 guests.

In the central city of Cebu, talks were going on with rebels holding Macau airbase.

Rebels backed by tanks and

Ramos claims victory for Cory

56 killed, 500 wounded; airports remain closed



Archbishop of Manila Cardinal Jaime Sin urged army rebels to surrender and appealed for support for Aquino in a message broadcast on local radios. (Reuter wirephoto)

Surrender, Sin appeals

MANILA, (Reuter): Cardinal Jaime Sin, the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Manila, on Sunday urged army rebels to surrender and appealed for support for the government of President Corazon Aquino.

In a message broadcast on local radios in this overwhelmingly Catholic capital, Sin called the rebels "enemies of democracy" and urged the eight million people of Manila to rally to Aquino's government.

Telling the rebel army units to end their fight, he said: "Your crusade has resulted in the loss of so many innocent lives. I am pleading with you to return to your senses and surrender.

"To surrender this time is not a sign of cowardice.

It is a sign of patriotism and gallantry, a gesture of selflessness. Most of you have been misled. We are ready to receive you back," he declared.

"We must withdraw support from all men of violence," Sin declared.

"How can you celebrate Christmas with blood on your hands?"

As fighting entered its third day, Sin appealed for calm and told Manila residents to share food with Aquino's soldiers.

"We must all stay calm... continue to give support to our soldiers who are valiantly fighting to protect our democracy... share with them some of your food," said Sin, who played a major role in the 1986 "people power" revolt which ended the 20-year rule of the late president Ferdinand Marcos.

"Let us rally behind our duly constituted government. We chose this government in February 1986. We reaffirmed the choice when we ratified our constitution. We must renew again today our commitment to freedom."

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MIDEAST

Shamir bows to Palestinians Arab

KUWAIT, Dec 3, (AP): Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir has agreed to have two deported Palestinians in a Palestinian delegation to peace talks provided the United States guarantees the PLO will not be part of the peace process, a local Arabic daily reported today.

In a dispatch from Washington, the newspaper quoted "authoritative sources at the State Department" as reporting the development and describing it as a concession by Shamir.

One source told the daily: "Shamir's concession is aimed at averting further

deepening of the differences between Israel and the United States and preserving the Israeli coalition government."

The daily quoted the unnamed sources as saying the Palestinian delegation would be formed in the first half of next year, with the talks due to start in Cairo sometime after June.

US Assistant Secretary of State John Kelly is scheduled to visit Israel on Monday to brief Israeli leaders on the outcome of the superpower summit between US President George Bush and Soviet leader

Mikhail Gorbachev, the sources said. Kelly was also expected to visit Arab capitals, according to earlier Gulf press reports.

The PLO has relayed its approval of US Middle East peace proposals to Washington after receiving American assurances it can play a behind-the-scenes role in negotiations despite Israeli objections, two Israeli newspapers reported today.

Israeli officials said the long-delayed response from the Palestinian organization will be discussed at the US-Soviet summit this weekend, the daily Jerusalem Post reported.

The Haaretz daily said Foreign Minister Moshe Arens has protested news of the US guarantees to the PLO. In a message to Baker, Arens has alleged that Israel was being drawn into indirect talks with the PLO against its wishes, the newspaper said.

The Foreign Ministry denied the reports Israel had been told of the PLO stand by the United States. "We don't know anything about this," said a ministry official, on condition of anonymity.

girl shot dead

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Dec 3, (AP): Soldiers fatally shot a 10-year-old Palestinian girl in the head and wounded at least 27 other Arabs during widespread stone-throwing protests triggered by an Israeli arrest sweep in the occupied lands, Arab reports said.

The army confirmed one shooting injury and the girl's death in the Gaza Strip and said it was investigating the circumstances.

Two other Palestinians died in accidental explosions in the West Bank, including a 12-year-old boy who picked up an unidentified object that blew up in a village near Bethlehem, the army said.

The upsurge in violence came as PLO-backed uprising leaders called for a "higher stage of struggle" against Israel in a leaflet published to mark the second anniversary this week of the Palestinian rebellion.

Since the start of the revolt on Dec 3, 1987, 624 Arabs have been killed by Israelis, including today's victim. Another 154 Palestinians have been slain by fellow Arabs as suspected collaborators with Israel, and 42 Israelis have been killed.

In the West Bank, hundreds of soldiers carried out a massive search for uprising activists for a third day in Nablus, after detaining at least 30 suspects and killing four others on Friday and yesterday.

Israeli media reported there were dozens of arrests and said the sweep was the army's largest in Nablus since Israel captured the West Bank and Gaza Strip in the 1967 Middle East war.

The daily Ma'ariv said about 2,000 soldiers were searching the city, which has a population of more than 100,000 and has been a major centre of the uprising.

The activists slain on Friday belonged to a gang known as the Black Panthers that the army blames for the slayings of 16 alleged Arab collaborators.

Palestinians responded to the sweep by staging a general merchants' strike today throughout the West Bank, Gaza Strip and Arab east Jerusalem.

Dozens of youths burned tyres and hurled rocks and bottles in nine refugee camps, towns and neighbourhoods in the Gaza Strip, Arab reports said. Troops responded with tear gas, rubber bullets and live ammunition.

In the Shati refugee camp, 10-year-old Sabah Ahmad Balousha was struck by a bullet in the right eye and died on the way to Shifa hospital in Gaza city, the reports said.

The army said soldiers clamped a curfew on the camp of 42,000 people to contain the violence. Nine other people were wounded at the camp, including a four-year-old boy struck in the head by a rubber bullet, Arab reports said.

Among the other wounded was a nine-year-old boy struck in the arm by live ammunition in Beit Hanoun village in Gaza, hospital officials said.

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Two blindfolded and bound Palestinians await transfer following their arrest in the casbah of Nablus. (Reuter wirephoto)

Jordan House condemns US

Hussein picks new PM

post he held before becoming prime minister on April 27, 1989.

King Hussein inaugurated parliament on Nov 27. Candidates espousing Islamic causes won almost half the seats earlier in November in the first nationwide elections since the 1967 war.

The deputies endorsed Hussein's July 1988 decision to sever legal and administrative links with the West Bank in favour of the Palestine Liberation Organization. They pledged Jordan's continuous support for the Palestinian cause, including the support of nearly two-year-old Palestinian uprising.

The West Bank has elected half the members of the previous parliament and the king's decision paved the way for the latest elections.

"We have great faith in your deep-rooted responsibility towards Jerusalem... and the Palestinian cause," the deputies said in their message to King Hussein.

Meanwhile it was announced that King Hussein has chosen Modar Badran, a tough former prime minister, to head a new government.

The officials, who asked not to be named, said Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Bin Shaker would resign tomorrow and Badran, currently royal court chief, would replace him.

The said Bin Shaker would switch to royal court chief, the

the civil courts.

Jordan frees 48 detainees

AMMAN, Dec 3, (Agencies): Prime Minister Zeid Bin Shaker yesterday ordered the release of 48 political detainees held in custody for security reasons, a Prime Ministry official said.

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Bin Shaker's decision was made following instruction by King Hussein to the council of ministers.

The official told the Associated Press that among the released were 12 members of a Marxist Palestinian group arrested in early October for involvement in a rocket attack on neighbouring Israel.

On Sept 7, small Karabu rockets fired from the northwest corner of Jordan landed on both sides of the Jordan river border. No damage or injuries were reported. The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine claimed responsibility for the incident in a communiqué issued in Damascus, and it vowed to continue similar attacks.

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Jordanians jailed

Cooking oil scandal

AMMAN, Dec 3, (Reuter): A military court has jailed 112 Jordanians involved in smuggling contaminated cooking oil to bakeries and sweetshops in sewage trucks, lawyers said today.

Female relatives of the jailed Jordanians were ordered out of the court yesterday after they tore at their own hair and clothes as the sentences were announced.

Jail sentences ranging from three months to three years and fines of 100 dinars (\$150) to 300 dinars (\$450) were passed on the 112, including six in absentia, a lawyer told Reuters.

The hearing into the scandal, which led to a Gulf-wide ban on imports of Jordanian sweets and biscuits, has been held over the past month under heavy police guard at a gymnasium outside Amman.

Syria tightens noose as mediation bids fail

Hoss rules out army action to oust Aoun

BEIRUT, Dec 3, (Agencies): Syria boosted its forces facing Lebanon's Christian enclave today and mediation to avert a bloody final assault was reported to have bogged down.

Security sources said Syrian troops unloaded trucks of ammunition and dug new trenches just 20 metres from the enclave where General Michel Aoun is holding out in defiance of President Elias Hirawi.

They said the Syrians, backed with tanks, had deployed more artillery batteries and mortars in the city's mainly Shiite southern suburbs and now faced the enclave on five points with their Lebanese Muslim allies.

The premier, a Sunni Muslim, declared that if Aoun refuses to accept an Arab League-brokered peace accord to end 14 years of civil war, it "will mean national suicide."

Hoss' statement indicated that the prospect of a military showdown between Aoun and the Syrians, backed by their leftist and Muslim allies, was receding.

Tens of thousands of Aoun's supporters massed for the sixth straight day around Aoun's palace in Christian east Beirut to form a human shield against any offensive.

Christian political sources told Reuters a Syrian assault to topple Aoun was inevitable because there was little room for compromise between Aoun and Damascus, the main power broker in Lebanon.

Syria sent 7,000 troops to Lebanon last week, boosting its forces to 40,000 men.

"The decision to attack has been taken at least by Syria. All this delay is to give diplomacy a chance to solve the issue without bloodshed, but if mediation efforts fail, the military option is there," one Christian politician said.

"There is 180 degrees of difference in their positions. If Aoun surrenders he would be finished and if the Syrians back off they would lose," the politician said.

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"So many wars have erupted in Lebanon without any one declaring it on another. Wars are seldom declared in Lebanon. They simply explode," he said.

"Therefore there's no guarantee of peace except through a

political settlement like that embodied in the Taif accord."

Hoss warned that the current ceasefire that halted the fighting between Aoun's forces and the Syrians on Sept 22 has to be fostered by political entente.

"We don't want to go back to war. But we should not forget the cruel lessons we have learned that truce cannot be translated into peace and stability unless it is coupled with political reconciliation solutions," he said.

"Gen. Aoun has no alternative to offer for the Taif pact and when he was recently asked what else he offers, the general said he

as a person is the alternative," Hoss went on.

Meanwhile, Hirawi was quoted in Paris as saying he will avoid the use of military action, but if mediations receive negative response he will be obliged to react against Aoun.

Gummen opened fire at the convoy of Information Minister Edmond Rizk as he drove into the Christian town of Jezzine southeast of Beirut today, police said.

They said no one was hurt in the incident, which targeted Rizk's three-car convoy at the entrance of his hometown.



Lebanese soldiers, loyal to defiant Aoun escort a group of French deputies who arrived in East Beirut to show support to Aoun. (Reuter wirephoto)

Abu Nidal is seriously ill, but not dying

Bashir blames left for chaos

20,000 march in support of govt

KHARTOUM, Dec 3, (AP): Lt. Gen. Omar Hassan Al Bashir told more than 20,000 cheering supporters today that "communism has collapsed with the collapse of the Berlin Wall" and blamed leftists for instigating a strike by doctors.

Sudan's military ruler told a pro-government demonstration of between 20,000-25,000 that he would liberate all areas controlled by southern rebels while working for peace at the same time.

Al Bashir said the communists were trying to undermine current peace talks between the government and the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army which are being held in the Kenyan capital Nairobi.

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communists and their likes," Al Bashir told the crowd which responded by urging him to purge the country from the communists.

"We promise you we will purge our ranks from traitors, enemies of the nation and the army," Al Bashir said.

Since he took over, Al Bashir has dismissed scores of doctors and diplomats from public service and also officers in the army and police force.

Al Bashir called the pro-government demonstration "the procession of dignity" and said it showed the unity of the army and the Sudanese people.

"We will crack down promptly and decisively" on the country's enemies, Al Bashir said.

Bashir addressed them.

Earlier this week, the military government which took power after coup June 30, was confronted with its first strike, called by the medical doctors who were protesting the dismissal of some of their colleagues and demanding the release of other doctors.

The government accused communists of being behind the strike.

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Who was this man?

Merchants said he and dozens like him identify themselves as Soviet soldiers.

Since the Soviet withdrawal was completed Feb 15, they say, those "soldiers" have sold at least 20 automatic weapons.

Where the men are stationed, or what they are doing here, the shopkeepers can only guess.

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an Afghan military officer as saying Soviet soldiers operated a missile base on the outskirts of Kabul. He said the Soviets were unwilling to train Afghan soldiers to use the Scud rockets they provide, which require advanced tracking methods and use of computers.

More than 1,000 Scuds have been fired and the government has credited them with important victories over Muslim rebels, according to diplomats in Kabul and neighbouring Pakistan.

Another government official quoted

that Soviets in Afghan uniforms operate the Scud base.

Many diplomats discount the report and say Soviet soldiers no longer are engaged in combat in Afghanistan. Some add, however, that Soviet officers direct the civil war and the operations of Khad, the Afghan intelligence and secret police agency, at the Defence and Interior Ministries.

A communist bloc journalist who visited the Defence Ministry frequently said he discovered Soviet advisers in several departments.

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

V. German heating oil prices up

MSTERDAM, Dec 3. (AP): Wholesale heating oil prices in West Germany are at record-year highs because low water in the Rhine has affected barge traffic just as a cold snap heightened demand, market sources said yesterday.

Lack of rain has so depleted the Rhine that many barges which normally carry oil from seaport market in the Dutch port Rotterdam at the mouth of the river are unable to sail much beyond the West German city of Cologne.

As a result wholesale prices of heating oil have surged to 40 marks (\$22.50) per 100 litres (22 gallons) in southern West Germany, about 30 per cent higher than a year ago.

"Prices are rising a mark (55 cents) a day now," one trader for a major refiner in Hamburg said.

Prices are highest in the Karrlsruhe area where a recent maintenance shutdown at the local Oberreinische Mineralwerke (OMW) oil refinery has added to supply problems.

The refinery is running back to full production now but material is still short because of the low Rhine," a trader for another major refiner in Hamburg said.

"It's crazy, barge freight rates are tremendous," said a Stuttgarter-based inland oil trader.

"The situation will become critical this weekend," warned another West German trader.

"Shippers can no longer take their craft south of Koblenz because they risk running aground," he added.

Yesterday morning Rotterdam-based barge operators were formally quoting rates for a barge journey to Karlsruhe, which is south of Cologne and Koblenz, at around 64 marks (\$36) per tonne. The normal rate for the trip is nearer 15 marks (\$8.50), market sources said.

Rates to Basel, Switzerland, are purely nominal at present, according to shipping sources.

US, Japan, West Germany boost exports

WASHINGTON, Dec 3. (AP): The world's major trading nations — the United States, Japan and West Germany — showed big increases in the volume of their exports during the first half of this year compared with 1988, the International Monetary Fund reported today.

West Germany's increase was 12 percent, the United States' 9.6 percent and Japan's 6.4 percent.

US figures showed a continued rise in the third quarter of the year.

For the first six months of 1989 the United States still had a big deficit in its trade. US imports were \$58.8 billion greater than exports, compared with 67.1 billion the year before.

Japan's surplus of exports over imports increased massively to \$3.9 billion from \$3.7 billion — nearly one-third — and West Germany's to \$7.2 billion from \$4.9 billion.

Increased deficits were reported for Britain, 23.3 billion instead of 21.1 billion; Italy 10.3 billion, up from 6.8 billion, and France, \$4 billion up from \$3.8 billion.

Total trade of 22 industrial countries rose to \$2,164 billion from \$2,009.7 billion for the six months.

Production of industry was also on the rise: 5.3 per cent in Japan in the summer quarter, 4.7 per cent for West Germany and 2.7 per cent for the United States. Figures for other major West European countries were not available.

African states seek self-reliance through economic co-operation

NAIROBI, Dec 3. (Reuter): Sudan and Zaire have joined the emerging preferential trade covering East and Southern Africa, reinforcing the group at a time when traditional sources of aid may be drying up.

"African leaders told last week's summit of the preferential trade area (PTA) states that the expanding bloc raised hopes of boosting economic co-operation in Africa."

"The past has clearly taught us that Africa cannot depend on the outside world to solve its problems," African Development Bank (ADB) president Babacar Ndiaye told the Nairobi summit.

"What Africa needs today is a greater internal effort to expand production of goods and services required within the continent, which will move across integrated regional markets, thereby strengthening our collective self-reliance."

Founded in 1981, the PTA aims to boost trade between its members by giving them products a tariff advantage over imports from outside countries. African leaders see it as a step towards the eventual goal of an

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KUWAIT'S Minister of Commerce and Industry, Faisal Al Khaled will lead a high level Kuwaiti delegation to Baghdad to attend the inauguration of the Kuwait Trade Week due to be held there from Dec 6 to 12. The Kuwait Trade Week in Baghdad comes after an Iraqi trade fair was held in Kuwait last month. Director of Foreign Trade at the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Bader Abdulrahim said that trade fairs in both countries come in accordance with an agreement of understanding arrived at by the two Iraqi and Kuwaiti ministers of commerce.

A Kuwaiti-Iraqi technical committee which met in April recommended the holding of both fairs. Abdulrahim told the Arab Times that the delegation to accompany the minister includes Assistant Undersecretary for commercial affairs; Rashed Al Mejren, senior official of foreign investments at the Kuwait Investment Company; Khaled Nasser Ali, Deputy Director of Loans Department of Kuwait Foreign Investments Company; Waleed Al Qattan, Assistant director of Arab investments of the Kuwait Investment Authority; Hamad Al Busari, Secretary-General of the Kuwaiti Banking Committee; Faried Kalinder, Director of Foreign Trade at Commerce and Plants resources at the General

Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources; Jassem Al Bader, General Manager of Kuwait International Investment Company; Ibrahim Al Tharban, Chairman of the Kuwaiti Contractors Union; Abdul Hadi Al Dousari, Member of Board of Directors of the Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Mohammad Shuaib, Chairman and Managing Director of Kuwait International Fair Company, and his deputy; Mohammad Al Gharabali and Mohammad Al Asfour, Chairman of the National Industries Company; Mefref al Mefref and Director of Foreign Trade at Commerce and Industry Ministry, Bader Abdul-

rahim.

Al Khaled will leave for Baghdad on Tuesday, where he will open the Kuwait Trade Week. The minister and the accompanying delegation will hold a meeting with a number of Iraqi economists and industrialists and will discuss with them a number of economic, industrial and investment issues.

In all 95 Kuwaiti companies, both private and public, will take part in the fair. Among the participating companies are the Electronic group of Yousef Ahmad Al Ghaniem Co., Kirby Building Systems Co., Kuwait National Bottling Co., The International Paper Manufacturing Co., Refrigeration Indus-

tries Co., Livestock and Transportation Co. and others.

Al Khaled said: "Kuwait Trade Week represents yet another important step in the direction of achieving greater economic and commercial cooperation between our two countries and bears witness to the close sisterly ties between our countries and their people. It also is in response to the desires and wishes of our respective leaders to nurture and develop greater co-operation between our people in all areas.

Talking about its objective, the minister said that "Kuwait Trade Week will present a realistic interpretation of the level of progress achieved by Kuwait in

the field of industry, construction and commercial activities. It will also give an opportunity to Iraqi officials about the progress achieved by us on the road to greater economic development. It should also represent a unique opportunity for establishing direct and lasting contact and initiate joint co-operative ventures."

Abdulrahim said this was the first time Kuwait organised a trade fair in Iraq. He added that the fair will give an opportunity to local businessmen and investors to be acquainted with Iraqi markets, and will also help create more opportunities for expanding economic co-operation between the two countries.

Bank maintains stability in KD exchange rate

CBK monetary policy activates local economy

KUWAIT, Dec 3. (Kuna): The fiscal year 1988/89 witnessed monetary policy's increased contribution to the activation of economic momentum in the country, the protection of the banking and financial system against external effects and the enhancement of its role in servicing the national economy, according to an annual report by the Central Bank of Kuwait.

The report, published today, said that to realise these objectives the Central Bank of Kuwait (CBK) used its available monetary policy instruments and adopted some regulations in this respect.

It noted that during the year the bank was keen to maintain appropriate levels of domestic liquidity at relatively reasonable cost, compared with interest rates on major foreign currencies.

Also, the bank amended the structure of interest rates on KD from December 11, 1988, in addition to its efforts exerted in maintaining relative stability in the KD exchange rate and the bank's follow-up of the effective implementation of the "debt-free credit facilities settlement programme."

In this connection, the CBK was keen to provide the new structure with high flexibility represented in linking interest rates on both lending and deposits with a key rate (the discount rate) that can be amended, whenever needed, to keep local interest rates in line with developments in local economic conditions and changes in international interest rates.

The new structure — having included, for the first time, minimum limits of interest rates on private sector deposits in KD according to their maturities — was meant to propose these rates from being very low, and to prevent the existence of wide gap between these rates and international interest rates, the report added.

Raising interest rates on KD, and thereby reducing tangibly the differential between these rates and international interest rates, led private sector KD deposits with commercial banks to take an upward trend since December 1988 — following their downward trend since the beginning of the year — reaching KD20 million at the end of the fiscal year 1988/89 and thereby realising a rise of 5.8 per cent over their level at the end of the previous fiscal year.

The bank asserted that the increase in KD deposits came totally from the increase in time deposits, whose growth rate during the last seven months of the fiscal year 1988/89 rose to 26 per cent, against a decline of 8 per cent, during the first five months of the same fiscal year.

Meanwhile, it said the growth rate

of deposits denominated in foreign currencies dropped to 12.4 per cent, against 21.3 per cent during the two periods mentioned respectively.

It was also noticed that the average monthly maturity of KD deposits with commercial banks, after the application of the new structure of local interest rates, was higher than its level before the application, a fact indicating increased preference for deposits of longer maturities due to the increased interest rates on these maturities, the report explained.

Though the new structure of interest rates on KD does not include interbank transactions in the local market, the bank said, all kinds of loans to non-residents and transactions with foreign currencies, averages of interest rates on interbank KD deposits, under the new structure, recorded during the second half of the fiscal year 1988/89 a marked increase at rates exceeding those during the first half of the same year.

In general, the increase in the average of interest rates on interbank KD deposits during the fiscal year 1988/89, compared to averages in the previous fiscal year, ranged between 2.57 percentage points (from 4.92 per cent to 7.49 per cent) on one-week deposits and 2.04 percentage points (from 5.83 per cent to 7.87 per cent) on one-year deposits.

Meanwhile, the average of both one-month and three-month deposits increased by 2.42 percentage points (from 5.37 per cent to 7.79 per cent) and 2.25 percentage points (from 5.59 per cent to 7.84 per cent) respectively, the Central Bank indicated.

On public debt instruments and open market operations, the report said during the past fiscal year, the Central Bank of Kuwait, on behalf of the Ministry of Finance, continued issuance of public debt instruments (treasury bills and bonds).

During the year, maximum limit of the public loan was raised from KD1400 million to KD3000 million, it said.

The number of public debt ins-

truments issued by the bank increased to 43 issues, at a value of KD4170.6 million.

During the same fiscal year 40 issues matured, totalling KD3.582 million and increasing the outstanding balance of public debt instruments at the end of the fiscal year 1988/89 to KD1983.1 million, an increase of KD588.6 million (42.2 per cent) above its level in the previous fiscal year.

The year also witnessed noticeable trading in these instruments, particularly treasury bills, leading the value of treasury bills traded in the secondary market to reach KD2379.5 million, against KD11.4 million for treasury bonds, making the total volume of trading in the secondary market of public debt instruments amount to KD2391.

However, the report said active intervention by the CBK in the secondary market of public debt instruments, through open market operations, came in the context of CBK efforts to maintain appropriate levels of liquidity at the banking system at relatively reasonable cost.

About KD exchange rates, the annual report said they rose in fiscal 1988/89 at varied rates, the maximum (7.20 per cent) was against the Swiss franc and the minimum (3.79 per cent) was against the Deutsche mark.

Meanwhile, rates declined against other major currencies by 4.98 per cent and 1.14 per cent against the Japanese yen and pound sterling respectively and by 3.16 per cent against the US dollar, whose average exchange rate against the KD during the fiscal year 1988/89 was 286.53 fils.

The report underscored the important role played by monetary policy in Kuwait to realise a relative stability in the KD exchange rate against major currencies which would help in curbing imported inflation as increased imports will make the level of local prices vulnerable to price changes in countries exporting to Kuwait.

Possible collapse of oil deal reported

JEDDAH, Saudi Arabia, Dec 3. (AP): South Yemen's Minister of Energy and Minerals, Saleh Abu-Bakr Bin Hussaini, says a deal with a foreign consortium for oil exploration in a border area shared with North Yemen might collapse, the Asharq Al Awsat daily said today.

It quoted him as saying in an interview that the consortium of US, Soviet, French and Kuwaiti firms has been given until Wednesday to improve their terms to the joint Yemeni company for investments in oil and mineral resources.

Hussaini did not specify where Wednesday's meeting will be held.

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geologia, France's Total-Compagnie Francaise des Petroles and the state-run Kuwait Foreign Petroleum Exploration Co.

He said the Yemeni company advised the consortium representatives of its stand at a meeting in San'a, North Yemen's capital, last month.

The consortium officials requested that they consult with their head offices before giving a response Wednesday.

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Airspace unsafe: aviation experts

LAGOS, Dec 3. (Reuter): A Nigerian aviation expert said today the country's airspace was among the world's most dangerous, but the claim was quickly disputed by the government.

Aron Iyayi, president of the Nigerian Air Traffic Controllers Association, said poor communications between air traffic controllers and pilots, unreliable navigational and landing aids and obsolete radar contributed to the poor state of affairs.

"Nigeria's airspace is undoubtedly one of the world's most dangerous to operate in," he said.

But he did not say if it had any alternative offers.

The foreign companies in the consortium are Hunt Oil Co. and Exxon Corp. of the United States, the Soviet Union's Machinexport and Zarubezh-

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In selecting our agency, we matched our goals with those of the organisation which will best be able to assist us in achieving our challenging long term objectives in this region.

Impact Dubai, in terms of overall market knowledge, strategic thinking, analytical skills and creative ability, will help us achieve these objectives and will actively contribute to the success of our dealer support teams. The products and services we will offer in the 1990s require interactive, informed market support and a strong liaison office here in Dubai. We feel Impact Dubai is a positive addition to General Motors' team structured management approach."

KD deposit rates steady

KUWAIT, Dec 3. (Reuter): Kuwaiti dinar interbank deposit rates remained steady in a thin market which saw some activity in short-dated funds.

Dealers said overnight traded at levels of eight, seven per cent. Tomorrow-next and spot-next were unchanged at Saturday's 8-1/2, 1/4. One month was steady at 8-9/16, 5/16, three-months at 8-1/2, 1/4 and six-months to one year at 8-3/8, 1/8.

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to dollar exchange rate unchanged as usual today at 0.29658/68 to the dollar.

Meanwhile Saudi riyal interbank deposit rates were stable in an extremely quiet market today as European banks were closed.

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stable, across-the-board price cut in the second half of November.

Egypt, which is not a member of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries, produces 870,000 to 900,000 barrels daily and fixes its own prices. Almost half the production is exported, the rest consumed domestically.

BUSINESS

Roh urges improved trading contacts

LONDON, Dec 3, (AP): South Korea offers major trading opportunities for British industrialists, South Korean President Roh Tae-Woo told the Confederation of British Industry on Wednesday.

Roh, on a four-day official visit to Britain with businessmen from 17 major South Korean companies, pointed to his country's strong economic performance over the past 30 years.

He said that with the exception of certain agricultural items, there were virtually no restrictions on imports to South Korea.

"We will continue with our liberalisation programme, bearing an exceptional economy in our payments position," he said in a speech to the organisation representing 250,000 British companies.

"Korea's economic development, we believe, offers expanding opportunities for British industrialists and financial institutions."

Roh said that 30 years ago Korea was one of the poorest nations in the world and suffered from chronic payments deficit.

"But through two decades of hard work, prudent investment and a high level of savings we have achieved outstanding economic growth," he said.

"Though still a developing country, with an annual income-per-head of less than \$5,000, we have come a long way and are now poised to join the ranks of the world's industrial nations."

Roh said despite the accomplishments, "this is no time to bask in success."

Dubai firm gets Biman contract

BIMAN Bangladesh Airlines has signed a three-year management contract with M/s Albert Abel Far East Inc of Dubai as management partner to run the newly-built Biman flight catering centre on behalf of the national airlines.

The international standard flight catering centre is located near the Zia International Airport (ZIA). The centre is sophisticatedly equipped to produce 8,500 meals per day in most hygienic and international airline's standard.

The management contract was signed by M.A. Bari, director, customer services of Biman and Saleh Tassabehji, area manager of Albert Abel on behalf of their respective sides. Albert Abel, which has 35 years' experience in airlines' catering, has been operating in 35 countries through 70 airlines catering centres.

With the floor capacity of 6,000 square metres, the flight catering centre, furnished with Swedish machinery, has been built at a cost of taka 17 crore. The Biman started implementation of the catering centre project on Oct 1, 1986 and spent the money from its own fund for the project.

So long, Biman had to depend on a small flight kitchen located on a small place at the ZIA. This kitchen was not enough to meet the growing need of the national airlines. Moreover, as the number of foreign airlines' flight operations in Dhaka has been increasing during the last several years, the need for a better as well as bigger kitchen was felt and this led Biman to initiate this project.

ZIA now handles 16 airlines and the Biman is confident of handling catering service for the passengers of all these airlines from the new big kitchen.

Delegation discusses aerospace co-operation with Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq, Dec 3, (AP): A French delegation today held talks with senior Iraqi officials on aerospace and communications co-operation in what diplomats said was linked to Iraq's drive to build up its own arms industry.

Officials reported that the delegation headed by Jacques Mitterrand, brother of French President, met with senior government officials.

The included Deputy Prime Minister Sadoun Hammadi, Oil Minister Issam Abdul Rahim Al Chalabi and Transport and Communications Minister

Mohammed Hamza Al Zubaidi. The delegation, which arrived in Baghdad several days ago, comprises representatives of several French companies, including France's aerospace giant Avions Marcel-Dassault-Breguet which manufactures the Mirage combat jets used by Iraq.

Officials said they have also held a long session with Gen. Hussein Kamel, Iraq's Minister of Industry and Military Industrialisation who has overall charge of developing the coun-

try's rapidly expanding arms industry. The officials said the French delegation discussed ways of developing economic and technical links, but declined to give any other details.

Western diplomats, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Mitterrand was discussing the possibility of Dassault setting up an aircraft manufacturing plant in Iraq, probably to produce the advanced Mirage 2000 fighter which Iraq wants to upgrade its powerful Air Force.

Iraq has expressed similar interest in building an aircraft industry with Soviet help to manufacture the advanced MiG-29 fighter, which has the NATO codename Fulcrum.

The Soviets have not commented on the proposed deal and Iraqi officials were reluctant to say if negotiations with Moscow have produced any result.

Western diplomats said a Soviet economic delegation that visited Baghdad last month to draw up a long-term

economic co-operation agreement likely discussed the deal with Iraqi officials.

The diplomats said an announcement could be made next month when a high-level Iraqi economic and technical delegation is scheduled to visit Moscow.

A deal with France was made possible after the two countries signed an agreement in September to reschedule Iraq's debt to Paris, estimated at \$4 billion.

Much of that was incurred in purchasing military hardware from France during the 8-year war with Iran. France ranks as Iraq's second major arms supplier after the Soviet Union.

Iraq has already made two payments and agreed to pay \$143 million to cover part of the accumulated interest on its debt.

The Iraqis are burdened with an estimated foreign debt, caused by the war, of \$60-70 billion.

The French delegation was due to return to Paris tomorrow.

Fed about to loosen its grip on rates

Summit buoys stock markets

NEW YORK, Dec 3, (Reuter): The superpower summit in Malta this weekend buoyed stock markets around the globe, with investors hoping the meeting could pave the way to a new arms reduction initiative and a stronger East-West trade.

The summit between US President George Bush and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev has awakened hopes that further progress in arms talks could reduce the huge US budget deficit by curtailing military spending.

At the same time, the democratic awakening in Eastern Europe has led US and private trade experts to predict that the Soviet Union and its allies will soon be drawn into the mainstream of world trade.

For the stock markets, this is

good news.

Tokyo hit a record high on Thursday after seven days of consecutive gains. The London and West German markets have also been strong.

And in Wall Street, investors snapped up stocks in a big rally on Friday that pushed the Dow Jones industrial average up 4.38 points to 2,747.65.

"You might just call this a peace rally," said Ricky Harrington of Interstate/Johnson Lane.

"It began first with the stock of multinationals that will be directly affected by what's happening in Eastern Europe and then spread to the secondary stocks."

The high spirits on Wall Street have been reinforced by a widely-held belief that the Federal Reserve, the US central bank, is

about to loosen its grip on interest rates.

With the US economy slowing down — the October index of leading indicators fell 0.4 per cent in October — investors believe the Fed will ease credit to prevent a full-blown recession.

They continued to hold this view even after the Fed confounded expectations by draining cash from the banking system last Monday.

"The message of the stock market is that the Fed will not keep interest rates too high and cause a recession," said Hugh Johnson of First Albany Corporation.

Lower interest rates tend to boost stock markets because they make investment in bonds and shares more attractive as the

return on money falls.

But some US analysts worry that the Fed will not be able to arrest the economic slowdown. More clues will emerge this week when employment figures are released — the first official indication of how the economy fared in November.

Most expect job growth to be modest.

"This looks like a no-boom, no-bust situation, and that's good news for stocks," Johnson said.

He said the market appeared to be regaining its footing after the plunge on October 13 which wiped out 190 points in a single day.

"There's still some apprehension," Johnson said. "But we're seeing confidence and comfort returning."

Move to integrate Moscow into world trade

Bush proposes measures

VALLETTA, Dec 3, (Reuter): US President George Bush proposed measures yesterday to integrate the Soviet Union into the world economy at a seaborne summit with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev that was thrown into chaos by a tempest.

Bush also suggested to Gorbachev that they hold their next summit in the United States in the last two weeks of June, a US official said. The two leaders had already agreed to meet there in late spring or early summer.

The US official, speaking to reporters on condition of anonymity, said Bush had proposed letting the Soviet Union have observer status in the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), the Western world's body for regulating trade.

He also proposed to Gorbachev that Moscow could have most favoured nation trading status with the United States once it had completely liberalised emigration procedures.

Other US and Soviet officials said Bush and Gorbachev had held fruitful and constructive talks despite a raging storm which forced a last-minute switch in venue as well as the cancellation of a second round and an evening dinner.

A gale lashed the little Mediterranean island of Malta all day long, obliging the two leaders to hold their first summit encounter aboard the Soviet liner Maxim Gorky, moored in a sheltered bay, instead of the Soviet missile cruiser Slava.

After Bush returned to the US cruiser Belknap, he was marooned by the tempest and White House officials announced that the two leaders had dropped plans for a second round of talks as well as a joint dinner aboard the Gorky.

Despite the raging elements outside, described by some Maltese as the island's worst storm for decades, both US and Soviet spokesmen were at pains to term the first meeting of more than five hours productive and encouraging.

Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennady Gerasimov said: "The talks are going very well. The leaders talked about everything."

Airbus accounts for 60pc of Mideast market

Aircraft sales

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates, Dec 3, (AP): The European consortium Airbus Industrie said today it has captured more than half the Middle East market share in aircraft sales.

Robert Alizari, senior vice-president for corporate communications, said that Airbus started out with less than 10 orders from airlines in the Middle East.

Airbus now accounts for 60 per cent of the market share in the same region, Alizari told a press conference on the occasion of his visit to Dubai.

"This year alone, Airbus has sold a total of 42 aircraft in the area, with a further 38 commitments," he said. This compares to a combined total of sales by all our rivals of 12 aircraft."

The major rival is the US manufacturers, Boeing Co.

He conceded the Middle East accounted only for 4 per cent of the French-based Airbus Industrie's global sales.

Airbus, he said, was expecting a growth in sales to the Middle East of 7 per cent over the next decade.

Alizari complained that Airbus, which saw its

aircraft orders rise from 222 in 1980 to over 2,000 at present, has been unable to penetrate the lucrative Iranian and Libyan markets.

"Since our engines are made in America, and Iran and Libya are on an American embargo list, we are unable to sell them any aircraft at present," he said.

Dubai's national airline, Emirates, launched four years ago, will be the first in the Middle East to fly the high-capacity A-330, while the ultra long-range A-340 will make its debut in the Middle East with Royal Jordanian.

The Bahrain-based Gulf Air, which is owned by Bahrain, Oman, Qatar and Abu Dhabi, Dubai's sister emirate in the UAE federation, will be the first to fly the A-320 and A-321 aircraft. It has signed an order for 12 of the aircraft.

Alizari said that 1989 would be a record year for Airbus with an estimated 400 firm orders.

Airbus Industrie is jointly owned by Aerospatiale of France (37.9 per cent), MBB through Deutsche Airbus (37.9 per cent), British Aerospace (20 per cent) and Casa of Spain (4.2 per cent). Fokker of the Netherlands and Belairbus of Belgium are associates on specific programmes.

Greeks face higher taxes

ATHENS, Dec 3, (Reuter): Greeks will pay more income tax and sharply higher prices for public services to help cut big state deficits and head off an economic crisis. Prime Minister Xenophon Zolotas said last week.

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EVENTS



Haggarty conducting the band.



Hill, Dabbagh and Winstone on the violins.

Impressive performance by New English choir

By Manal Eshelkh

Arab Times staff

I WALKED into the busy hall. It was very noisy; parents were discussing their children, teachers were chattering, special guests sat enthusiastically.

As I made my way to my designated seat, I could smell the fresh aroma of expensive perfume, both male and female. Guests never failed to dress impressively. Fathers wore smart suits, mothers pretty dresses and jewels.

The choir waited patiently in their seats. They were watching the hall fill with anticipation. They looked out for their parents and friends within the audience. They were somewhat nervous. A very common phenomenon just before performance. Tonight was special. It marked the first performance of the New English School's twentieth anniversary. Each student wanted to project the school's high achievement.

At exactly 6.30pm, Nick Harvey, a school P.E. teacher, introduced the first beats of the Kuwaiti National Anthem. The hall immediately calmed down and the audience shuffled from their chairs to greet the anthem with respect.

The senior school band immediately revealed fresh talent. They were drugged with the enthusiasm and motive that only a twentieth anniversary can induce.

The first piece by the band was called "Shake, Rattle and Roll" (Colman). It was a fast piece of jazz, conducted by Kenny Haggarty, one of the Senior school music teachers. He then warmly welcomed the guests in his bold Scottish accent.

"Stand By Me" (King), a very popular sound in Kuwait, was next. It got the audience feet-tapping. In fact I spotted Jean Chin, the Junior school music teacher, sitting to my left, clapping on her thighs to the rhythm.

The band was given a brief respite as a classical opera came next. "Cantata No. 147" (J.S. Bach) included Ken Winstone, a French teacher, on the oboe. Gary Hill, a P.E. and music teacher, and Nadia Dabbagh on the violins and, of course, the senior choir.

A sixteenth century piece "April in my Mistress' Face" (Morley) was sung with no accompanying music, exactly how it would have been performed 300

years ago. It was directed by Gary Hill. Noor Mukerji, a ten-year-old junior student, performed a piano solo "The Fairies" (Burgmuller). Her music teacher, Chin, sat close by in a bid to provide the child with the boost of confidence she might need. After flawlessly performing and astonishing the audience, Noor stood on stage (so that the audience could see her) and bowed. Her eyes shone proudly and a shy smile appeared on her face as she spoke familiar faces.

The band, conducted by Haggarty, then played "Gloria" (Bigazzi), another extremely popular piece, locally. This was followed by "Carnival for Percussion" (Kinyon) which included amazingly strange instruments: the slapstick, the kokorko, the vibra slap, the swanee whistle and the duck call.

The last piece by the band was the bold "Flashdance" (Moroder).

The choir took over with a more professional version of a song I learnt so many years ago in Junior School "Scarborough Fair" (Traditional). "Maria," "I Feel Pretty" and

"America" were the songs performed from "Selection from West Side Story" (Bernstein). They brought back clear visions of the classical film of the sixties, West Side Story.

Perhaps what makes the New English School's band and choir so special is the uniting of teachers and students in a single discipline; even the school's director, A. Rodgers, is a member of the band! All formalities between staff and students are minimised, resulting in a very relaxing atmosphere, which naturally, does wonders to performance standards. This is a very difficult job for the music teachers as every year prized students leave school to go to university and new students are to be trained from step one.

The band comprises of a vast variety of instruments including flutes, clarinets, saxophones, trumpets, trombones, bass guitar, euphonium and drums.

The choir is divided into different categories, respective to pitch, being sopranos, altos, tenors and basses.

After a short interval, the Saxophone Group performed Humoresque

(Dvorak) and Cutie Foothie (Power). There were four members of different nationalities to the group. Tomasz Owerkowics, Najoud Ensaif, Ana Abdel Basit and Aaron DeMello.

Abdul Rahim Marouf then performed a beautifully slow flute solo "Air from the Suite in D" (J.S. Bach).

The final performance of the evening was a musical production of the famous "Pied Piper." This was when students of senior one and two took possession of the stage. The production included nine songs with the children in simple costumes of rats and humble townfolk.

Even in this production, members of the staff could not resist joining in. Two teachers, Sean Kelly and Steve Hill, acted very entertainingly, as the town mayor's bodyguards.

In this particular version of the story, the moral was "Do not make promises you cannot keep."

On both nights of performance, 250 guests left the school hall fully satisfied, proud of their children's abilities and looking forward to the school's next performance. I certainly am.

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Seminar

THERE will be a seminar at the DAA on "Arabic & European Art in the Light of Zodiocal Symbolism" December 10, 1989 - January 10, 1990. Sunday and Tuesday 11.00 - 12.30 pm. Anyone wishing to register for this seminar may do so at the DAA during museum hours.

SOCIAL

Bhartiya Kala Sangam

A family get-together for members of Bhartiya Kala Sangam will be held at the Indian Embassy premises on Thursday, Dec 7, 1989 at 7.30 pm. There will be an entertainment programme including 'fancy dress competition' for children, lucky draw, and sumptuous buffet for members. Lots of prizes and surprises await for one and all. For details please contact tele. 5628171, 2551305.

Variety Show

UPKAAR is a newly formed non-profit cultural group of Hindi/Urdu speaking expatriates in Kuwait. Upkaar, whose aim is to promote art, culture and literature is going to hold an inaugural variety entertainment programme at Al Sharq Co-operative Auditorium comprising of dances, dramas, musical items and pantomimes on December 15 at 6.00 pm. This will be followed by a buried dinner. Interested persons may contact 4880695 or 2615515.

United Goans Centre

SANTA Claus is coming to town on December 15 at the Al Salam Hotel in the Al Deira Hall exactly at 9.30 am, with loads of gifts and sweets for all your children. Make your presence at the United Goans Centre's X'mas party. A unique fancy dress parade for children and lots of surprises awaits the young and the old. Lively music from the "Next of Kin." For further information contact Tony 2612024 or Moses 242493.

Computer Courses

THE Association of Filipinos in Kuwait (Kapilk) will hold their Computer course on Friday, December 8 at Kabayan Restaurant from 9.00 am to 12.00 noon. The computer course will cover the DOS, Lotus 123, Wordstar and Data Base III + and will run for five (5) Fridays. The successful participants will be given a Certificate of Attendance after completion of the basic course in computer.

The lectures for the said course are, Joel Bonecillo, computer engineer of Kay &

Xmas tree '89

-CHRISTMAS is for children, and what better way than to celebrate it with the New Goans Overseas Association at the Ramada Al Salam Hotel (the new Al-Mirage Ballroom) on the 15th of December 1989. Highlights include 'carol singing competition' (4 local schools participating) games for children, novelty dance and music by the Stepping Stones. Santa Claus will be distributing gifts to all the kids. For reservations contact Anthony on tel: 5621968 (after 6.00 pm) or Julio.

X'mas tree

DEC 15: Flying Arrows Sporting Centre once again invites their members and guests to their annual X'mas tree function to be held at the Carlton Tower Hotel from 11:30am onwards. Asumptious buffet, gifts galore, exciting games and live music by the "Neighbuzz" awaits one and all. Added attraction, Leo the Magician is to perform at 12:00pm sharp.

Kuchipudi Dance

THESE will be a lecture demonstration for Kuchipudi Dance by Dr Raja Reddy and Dr Radha Reddy on 4th December '89 at 9 am for all the Indian School children and on 5th December '89 at 8 pm for the public at Indian Arts Circle Auditorium. All are cordially invited.

NRI General Body Meeting

NRI Investors Forum holding annual G.B. meeting at Indian embassy on December 15 at 11.00 am. Investment speakers specially invited from India. Also presentation of NRI of the Year trophy. Followed by complimentary lunch for members.

Christmas Cantata

THE English language congregation choir of the National Evangelical Church will sing the Christmas musical "Meet Him at the Manger" on 6th Wed and 10th Sunday at 6 pm. Please plan to attend one of these evenings and celebrate the Advent season.

Musical evening with Adnan Butt

ADNAN BUTT, a talented and versatile radio, TV and stage singer from Pakistan will be performing at the El Dira Ramada Al Salam Hotel on Friday, Dec 15, at 6.00 pm. Those interested in attending the event should contact the following phone numbers for details after 4.30 pm: 3919720, 3610088, 4743955, 4760502, 5643851 and 5712731.

Musical evening

"UPASANA" one of the leading musical groups is conducting their 6th musical programme on Friday, December 22 at 5.30 pm at Funairtees. The programme contains most of the latest hit songs from Hindi, Tamil and Malayalam. For entry passes please contact Tel. 3987249 / 3986956, 398 7396 / 5643643, 5638762/4315374/4314018.

Ladies International League

2ND Big Meeting — Tuesday 5th December at Sheraton Hotel in Ballroom A from 7 pm - 10 pm. Our programme this month will be a Winter Party and Mini Bazaar. Raffle and door prizes as well as many other prizes too. Why not come along and join in on the fun. Bring your friends and enjoy a social evening in a relaxed atmosphere meeting other people and making new friends. All ladies welcome. There will be a charge at the door.

Vishal Musical Group

VISHAL Musical Group is conducting their 2nd musical programme on Friday, January 5 at 6.00 pm at Funairtees Indian Arts Circle. The programme contains the most popular old and new hit songs from Hindi films. Also classical and fast dances by young talented artists. Centres for distribution of passes will be announced shortly.

Kuwait Little Theatre

KUWAIT Little Theatre, Ahmadi, proudly present their traditional pantomime extravaganza — Sinbad the Sailor. Tickets are now on sale for the following performances: Gala Night 5th Dec at 7 pm. Evening performances on 6th and 13th Dec at 7 pm. Matinee performances on 7th, 8th, 14th and 15th Dec at 2 and 5 pm. Ring 3919759 now to avoid disappointment.

German-speaking Cultural Association

The association's next event will be at the St Nicholas Party on Thursday, Dec 7, 3 pm at International Hotel's Grand Ballroom. Tickets for this event will be available at the bazaar, German embassy, German school, library and at the coffee morning.

ACT Auditions

AUDITIONS for ACT's upcoming production of "The Skin of Our Teeth" will be held Wednesday, December 6th from 7.30 to 9.30 and Thursday, December 7th from 3.00 to 5.00. The production is scheduled for Feb 20 - 22nd. Parts are available to suit your abilities and schedule. Any person interested in getting involved please call 5620332 from 5.00 to 7.00 pm for more details.

Kuwait Nomads RFC

FRIDAY 8 December at Ahmadi. Kuwait Nomads vs Bahrain RFC First XV in league match, second XV in cup match. All spectators most welcome. Action starts at 1:00 pm. Details from S. Hill 5391720 or G. Adams 5644593.

Filcheck awarding Ceremonies

TOURNAMENT committee chairperson, Chito Barrios, announced that due to unavoidable circumstances, the awarding ceremonies for the recently concluded Filcheck First Active Chess Tournament originally scheduled for Friday, 1st December 1989 have been postponed to Friday, 15th December at 9.30am at the new Kabayan Restaurant. Other details will be published later.

KOZA meeting

KOZA Annual General Meeting — 17 December 7.30 pm Shaab Marina. All members should attend to elect the 1990 committee. For further details please call the KOZA Secretary Declan Mannion on 5248800.

Music Night

MUSIC Night at "The Long-lost Traveller". A musical evening in a cafe atmosphere featuring performers from the Kuwait Folk Group performing British traditional music, folk, pop and country songs.

The evening is being produced by ACT and will provide you with a unique night out. It is being held December 17th at 8.00 pm at the Holiday Inn. For more details, call 5620332 from 5.00 to 7.00 pm.

Ladies International League

SECOND GENERAL MEETING: Our programme will be a winter party and mini bazaar, in Ballroom A at the Sheraton Hotel 7pm - 10pm on Tuesday 5th December '89.

There will be a small charge at the door. All ladies are welcome. Please no children. Raffle, door prizes as well as lots of other prizes too. For further details please call Ann 5316905 or Dianne 5335598.

Kuwait Singers

"AT this time of Year" is the theme of the Kuwait Singers annual seasonal concert which will be held on Wednesday, December 13 and Thursday, December 14 at 7.30 pm at the Gulf English School, Salwa. For ticket reservations contact 5384873 or 5382551.

Danielle Children's Party

ALL Daines in Kuwait are invited for the annual children's party "Juliette" to be held at the Gazelle Club on Friday December 15 at 3 pm. Tickets to be purchased from Inge on 3727688 ext 207 or Winnie on 5733382 before December 10.

British Council

GRAYSTOKES - The Legend of Tarzan

SATURDAY, 9 and Sunday, 10 December, 6.30pm. 130 min. This is an extremely interesting and unusual film. This Tarzan manages to lose his primates and human families. His disillusionment with what he sees of civilization, despairing of ever feeling truly at home at Greystoke, he returns to the jungle. The case is excellent, but the real stars are the team of actors who portrayed so realistically the jungle apes.

Kuwait Goans

DEC 15: Annual children's X'mas tree function will be held at the Messilah Beach Hotel on Friday, December 15, '89 from 9.30 am onwards. Lots of prizes and surprises await for one and all. Top Ranks in attendance.

To avoid disappointment call for your early bookings on 2413348.

TELEVISION PROGRAMME

KTV 1

MORNING PERIOD

9.30 The opening and Holy Quran

9.40 Sabah Al Kher, News and variety

9.50 Cartoon serial

10.05 Magazine D'Actualite (repetition)

10.15 Bai Min Waraq: Arabic serial (part 6)

11.30 Sabah Al Kher, News and Variety

11.30 United Arab Emirates Popular Arts: Variety programme

12.30 News Summary

12.35 Holy Quran and Closedown

EVENING PERIOD

4.00 The opening and Holy Quran

4.15 The World Today via Satellite (repetition)

4.45 Cartoon serial (part 12)

5.15 Mama Anisa and Children: Local Children Programme

6.00 Night chemists, airlines and officials advertisements

6.15 Al Islam Hadhra: religious serial (part 24)

7.15 Holy Quran and Science: Religious Programme, prepared and presented by Dr Ahmad Shawqi Ibrahim

Where fun is serious

UK's only circus school

BRISTOL, England. (Reuters) — People stop and stare when Richard Douglas rides to work on his unicycle, but for him the trip through Bristol's city streets is just a bit of extra practice.

Douglas is taking courses at Fool Time, Britain's only circus school, and balancing on a one-wheeled cycle is just one of the skills he must master.

The problem with the unicycle, he explains, is that if you stop pedalling you soon fall off. But persistence and the occasional crash landing are eventually rewarded.

"You practice and practice and then suddenly you get up on it and you're fine," said Douglas, 18.

He is one of about 1,000 students each year who attend classes at the school, which opened its doors on April Fools' day in 1986.

Fool Time's director, Richard Ward, 44, says the students are taught movement, mime, improvisation and storytelling, alongside traditional circus skills such as trapeze, tightrope walking, juggling and acrobatics.

He himself learned to juggle three balls in 20 minutes, but it took him three months to stay upright on a unicycle. The toughest skill is walking the slack wire, says Ward, who was surveyor before he helped set up the school.

Students arrive at the school from different backgrounds and with different motives.

A man with a fear of heights conquered his feelings of vertigo by learning to master the flying trapeze and an accountant from London gave up juggling figures in favour of juggling with balls and clubs.

Learning to walk the high wire is made less daunting by stretching the cable just 60 cm (two feet) above the floor and thick mats ensure a soft landing if students miss their hold on the trapeze.

The secret of learning to ride a unicycle is to hold on to a wall bar

until you feel brave enough to set off on your own.

Ward got the idea for Fool Time in 1985 while he was visiting a European juggling convention at the Belgian Circus School in Brussels. "If they can do it, so can we," he said.

Circus is taken more seriously abroad. There are about 70 circus schools in France, while in Eastern Europe circus is accorded much higher status among the arts than in Britain.

Fool Time, housed in an old church hall in a run-down area of the western English city of Bristol, reflects growing interest in learning circus skills from aspiring performers who do not come from a traditional circus background.

Ward is keen to stress that students at Fool Time are not only taught traditional circus skills, but also how to inject a sense of theatre into each performance.

"The performing arts are as important as the circus," he said. "It should appeal in artistic terms at the same time as being exciting enough to appeal to the general public."

Michael Harvey, who teaches acrobatics, says that while he helps his students master such complex balancing tricks as the stool, the fish and the Chinese wagon, technical expertise is not enough.

"The tricks are in themselves useless. They must be used in a way that is interesting," he said.

At Fool Time, animal acts are excluded. Ward studiously avoids the controversy in Britain over whether it is cruel to keep animals in cages and teach them to do tricks.

Instead he maintains that animal acts are rather boring. "They don't have an artistic quality," he said.

All courses, full or part-time, are now booked solid and the school is on a sound financial footing, Ward said.



Anti-Aids call

Age seems to be no obstacle for this Spaniard who joined the call of the Anti-Aids commission in the northern town of Pamplona Dec 2, and got a free

condom. Volunteers distributed condoms in downtown Pamplona, to help prevent Aids. (Reuter wirephoto)

Bangkok wages war against tough enemy

BANGKOK, (AP) — Handing out condoms to bare-bottomed go-go dancers and charming donations out of corporation executives, Mechai Viravajaya says he is waging war against the toughest enemy Thailand has faced — Aids.

The 48-year-old development expert, whose innovative, internationally lauded campaign helped stop Thailand's population explosion, says he has "blown the lid" off a dangerous silence that hung over the killer disease.

Until recent months, Thai officialdom played down Aids for fear bad publicity would hurt the country's highest income earner — foreign tourism.

The turnaround has been dramatic, Mechai says he hopes information about Aids, from television spots, skits by prostitutes and frank debates by academics, is spreading faster than the disease.

Combing the showmanship and marketing techniques that characterized his birth control drive, Mechai says he has launched a unique programme to involve multinationals and Thai businesses.

Mechai also passes out condoms at tea parties, brothels, funerals, weddings and high-level government meetings, along with brochures, cassettes and some grisly photographs of Aids victims. Witry and disarming, popular and well-connected, Mechai gets away with almost anything.

"If we move effectively in the next three years, Thailand has a chance of containing Aids," Mechai said in an interview. Failure, he said, could be disastrous.

In recent months, military Prime Minister Chatichai Choonhaven has openly voiced support for the Aids war, government officials have taken part in media debates on the subject and the Health Ministry has begun its own information campaign.

What most frightens Mechai and other knowledgeable Thais is the country's sex industry, with prostitutes said to number in the hundreds of thousands. Massage parlours, bars, brothels, "love hotels," escort agencies and private clubs are part of this multimillion-dollar Aids powder keg.

ST. PETERSBURG, Florida. (AP) — Ron Webeck could barely walk, couldn't talk and was nearly blind when he was flown to his family's home to die of a devastating Aids-related brain disease. That was more than four years ago.

Today, Webeck, 42, is thriving and researchers are trying to find out why.

"I realize that I'm probably not supposed to be here," he said. "I've been given an incredible gift — I'm cured."

Tests have failed to turn up the Aids virus in Webeck's blood. Even rarer is that scientists can no longer find a trace of the virus that caused his brain infection — progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy, or PML — a disease that preys on Aids victims and usually kills within six months.

"Sure he's healthy — he looks good, he feels good and he can do anything he wants to do," said Dr. Joseph Berger, a University of Miami neurologist and Aids researcher who wrote about the case in the medical journal Neurology.

"But I'd have to say with 99 per cent that he's sitting on a time bomb," Berger said, "that what caused his illness in the first place is somehow being suppressed and will come back."

Aids researcher Sidney Houff, who examined Webeck at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland, calls his recovery remarkable, but he's not ready to call it permanent.

"What exactly caused him to survive and recover is a mystery. We had never seen anyone survive from it before. Up until that point, everyone with PML had died a miserable death."

"There's no telling what may happen in the future. I'm hopeful for him, but if his immune system is sufficiently challenged, there's always the chance the virus that causes PML will reappear."

Webeck thinks doctors are being overly cautious.

"I'm going on five years now. How long do I have

Miraculous cure to brain Aids

An incredible gift

to be healthy before they finally give up and agree I'm well?"

For Webeck, who says he lived in the fast lane of San Francisco's gay community in his 20s, the first signs something was wrong came in the spring of 1985. While working as a waiter in Provincetown, Massachusetts, he felt an aggravating twinge in his neck. He soon began falling down and had to quit because he could no longer add customers' bills.

A culture of spinal fluid taken in Massachusetts General Hospital eight weeks later showed the presence of the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), the virus that causes Aids. A scan revealed lesions on his brain and a biopsy showed that PML had infected his brain tissue.

After weeks of violent illness and with his weight at just above 120 pounds (54 kilograms), doctors suggested Webeck make plans to be with his family. They thought he only had days to live. "They didn't have to say the word — it was written all over their faces. They rushed me home with no medicine nothing."

"They figured, what's the use?"

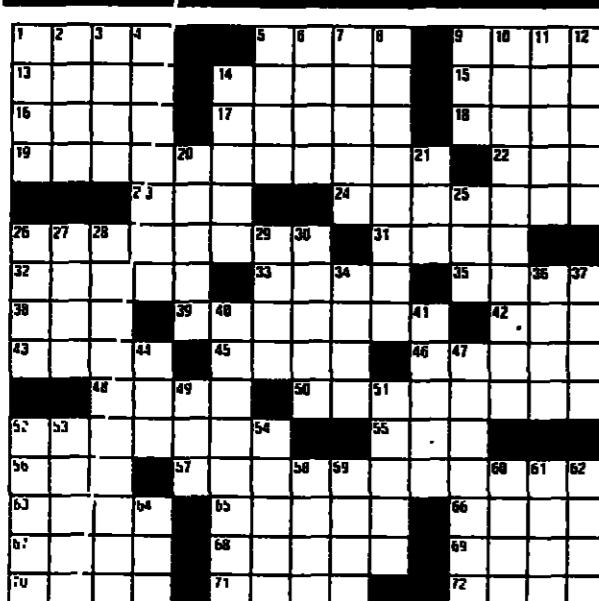
Dr. Leonard Muecke, who treated Webeck at Massachusetts General, said he had to tell the patient and his family the dismal prognosis.

"Based on what we knew about other patients similarly diagnosed, I don't think we had any option but to conclude that he didn't have a very good outlook," Muecke said.

"He was sent home with two medications to treat certain symptoms of his illness that he opted not to take, but it's true we had nothing to give him for his primary diagnosis of Aids and PML."

Under his parents' care, Webeck suffered through seizures and a bout with depression that ended in his attempt to take an overdose of sedatives. After 10 days in the hospital, he survived.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



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- Beverly of opera fame
- Anna Sten role
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
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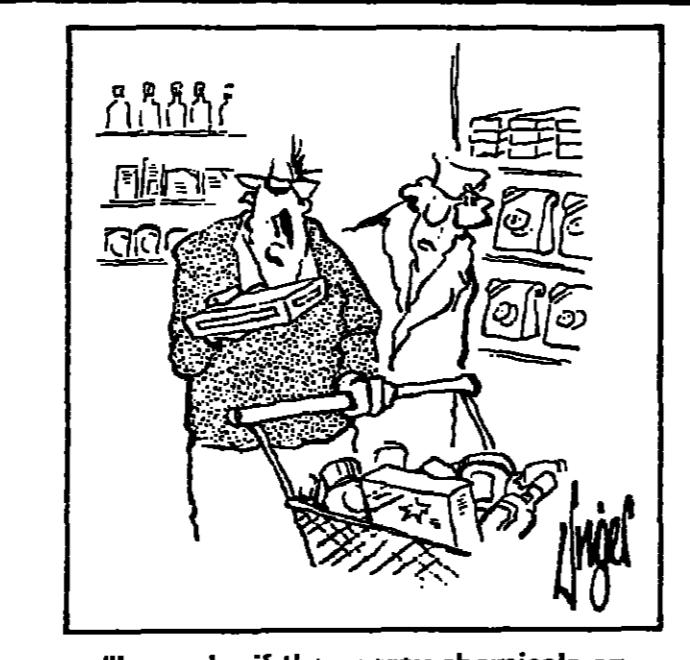
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2 ♠ Pass 2 NT Pass
3 ♥ Pass 3 ♠ Pass
6 ♠ Pass Pass Pass
Opening lead: Seven of ♣

Without such refined methods, South simply blasted his way into what rated to be a laydown contract of six spades.

West reasoned that declarer might want to ruff some hearts in dummy, so he led a trump. Declarer won in hand and, without giving the contract the slightest thought, decided to do exactly what West anticipated. South cashed the ace of hearts and continued with the king, and the roof fell in.

West ruffed and exited with a trump and declarer, who had already lost a trick, found himself looking at two heart losers and only one trump on the board as a ruffer. South cashed the ace-king of clubs in the forlorn hope that some minor miracle would occur. When nothing materialized, declarer conceded down one.

South's play of the hand would have been correct had the contract been seven spades. But since it was only six spades, that contract could have been secured by taking a simple precaution. Declarer should cash only one high heart and then exit with a low heart. No matter what the defenders do, declarer will then be able to ruff his remaining heart loser with dummy's high trump, then claim the rest of the tricks.



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By Johnny Hart

WHAT GOES:

'FLIPPITY-FLOP!
FLIPPITY-FLOP!'

I GIVE UP.

THE LOSER IN A
'BEST 2 OUT OF 3'
CAN TOSS.



LIBRA

Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19

Scorpio Oct 23 - Nov 21

Aquarius Jan 20 - Feb. 18

Pisces Feb 19 - March 19

YOUR STARS

Aries (March 20 - April 18)

Because nothing seems to go quite right today you have a little time for leisure activities. You should not hesitate to attempt a new way of doing things. Try not to lose your temper. Be cordial.

Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

Your children will give you something to worry about, but if you are sure you have done your best by them your conscience is clear. You should make sure you are correctly dressed for the occasion.

Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

You are more liable to lose your way to make sure you consult a road or street map. And do not be shy to ask the way. Avoid making a nuisance of yourself. Be reliable.

Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You would be better correcting

that others, too, are having difficulties with something that you are finding hard. You should not try to hurry something you are not quite sure about. Show your partner that you love him. Be sensible.

Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

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KUWAIT City, Murgab, flat 5, second floor, above Shama School, one room for 4 Muslim bachelors. Tele. Mr. Jaffari, 2425790, from 8am - 1pm or contact Mr. Saferd 5 - 8 pm. (AT3-50559-3)

FOR SALE

Miscellaneous

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Stage set for 1990 Cup draw

ROME, Dec 3. (AP): A controversial draw, dictated as much by security concerns as soccer merits, will mark the final event next Saturday of the 1990 World Cup soccer tournament in Italy.

The festive four-hour-long draw at the Rome Sports Palace will assign the 24 qualifiers to six first-round groups, each with four teams, for the month-long tournament next summer. It sets in motion the final phase of the search for a successor to the 1986 champion Argentina, which will defend the Cup.

The World Cup opener is in Milan on June 8 and the final in Rome on July 8. A total of 52 matches will be played.

The draw is usually based on rigid criteria set by Fifa, the world soccer body, which seeds the top six teams on the basis of their World Cup and international success so they do not play against each other in the first round.

The six leading countries for 1990 are Argentina, host Italy, Brazil, West Germany, Spain and Belgium.

But England has been pressing to have its team seeded and assigned to play in Cagliari, grounds it will be easier to keep its hooligan fans under control on the Mediterranean island of Sardinia than in other parts of Italy.

A formal announcement on the seeds will come on Thursday, two days before the draw, but Fifa has already said that England will not be in the top six.

Violence became a prime consideration in soccer in May 1985, when 39 fans, mostly Italians, were killed in clashes at Heysel stadium in Brussels before the start of the European Cup of Champions final between Liverpool and Juventus of Turin.

Despite growing police security, violent incidents have marred many national and international matches since then, with deaths, injuries and property damage.

Italian World Cup officials have said it makes no difference where teams like England and the Netherlands, whose fans are considered the main troublemakers, would play, since they would pose the same security problems in any city.

Fifa intends to base Argentina in Naples, where its team captain Diego Armando Maradona plays in the Italian League, Italy in Rome, Brazil in Milan, Spain in Turin, West Germany in Verona and Belgium in Cagliari.

The remaining 18 teams were assigned to three pools for the draw:

- Second category: England, the Netherlands, Soviet Union, Yugoslavia, Uruguay, Romania;
- Third category: Ireland, Scotland, Austria, Sweden, Colombia, Czechoslovakia;
- Fourth category: United States, Costa Rica, Cameroon, South Korea, United Arab Emirates, Egypt.

Ireland, Costa Rica, and the United Arab Emirates, qualified for their first World Cup. The United States, like Egypt, is back for the first time since 1950.

The draw will be conducted by six international stars: Pele of Brazil, Bobby Moore of England, Karl Heinz Rummenigge of West Germany, Daniel Passarella of Argentina — all retired — and Uruguay's Ruben Sosa from Lazio and Italy's Bruno Conti from Roma, the two major League clubs of Rome.

Each start will draw four names for one of the six groups: Group A based in Rome and Florence; Group B in Naples and Bari; Group C in Turin and Genoa; Group D in Milan and Bologna; Group E in Verona and Udine; Group F in Cagliari and Palermo.

The stadiums in Bari and Turin were built specially for the World Cup, and the one in Rome has been virtually rebuilt. The others have undergone major renovations for the tournament.

The draw ceremony will include a performance by famed Italian tenor Luciano Pavarotti. Actress Sophia Loren will be guest of honour. Fifa said up to 1 billion people will watch the event on live TV around the world.

The 18,000 in the audience at the Rome Sports Palace will include leading sports personalities.

World No. 1 upset in Masters semifinal

Becker, Edberg reach final

NEW YORK, Dec 3. (Reuter): Stefan Edberg, bouncing back from a miserable showing on Friday, upset world number one Ivan Lendl in straight sets yesterday to advance to the Masters tennis final against defending champion Boris Becker.

Edberg displayed a dazzling serve-and-volley game to beat Lendl 7-6 7-5 and deprive the Czechoslovak of a 10th successive trip to the finals of the season-ending championship.

Becker ended John McEnroe's run at the Masters by scoring a 6-4 6-4 win in the opening semifinal.

"I played one of my best matches today," said Edberg, whose career highlights include victory over Becker in the 1988 Wimbledon final. "I hit the ball really good today, almost like Wimbledon."

The Swede's victory set up a rematch of this year's Wimbledon final in which Becker reclaimed his grass court crown from Edberg.

It also put in place a replay of their Madison Square Garden meeting on Friday when the West German completed his perfect round robin record by overwhelming Edberg 6-1 6-4.

On the way to a tie-break.

The Swede took a decisive lead at 6-4 when he attacked Lendl's second serve with a deep approach shot that was returned wide, then won the tie-break 7-5 with a serve-and-volley special.

Edberg was awesome on serve

throughout most of the next set, losing only three points in his first four service games after breaking Lendl in the opening game.

Lendl rallied to put the set back on serve by breaking Edberg in the 10th game but the Swede broke right back and then served out for the match.

Lendl, who had hoped that by winning a sixth Masters title he could lay claim to player of the year honours, took the defeat in his stride.

"For once I have Sunday off, I haven't had one in a long time," said Lendl, who carried an 18-match winning streak into the semifinal.

Becker, 22, finished his loosely played semifinal against McEnroe with a flourish by blasting in three aces in the final game before ending it with a service winner.

McEnroe put plenty of pressure on Becker but could not deliver the finishing blow as the

Becker (right) and Edberg to meet in the Masters final. (Reuter wirephoto)



love-40 — most of the guys don't have as big a serve as me... I feel I can come back," the world number two said.

The most excruciating moment for McEnroe, whose famous rage was directed mostly at himself yesterday, came in the sixth game of his eighth point of the set.

After moving Becker deep into the corner with a sharply angled approach, McEnroe netted a drop shot that should have found an open court.

"I never should have missed that shot. That's where you beat yourself," said McEnroe, the world number four.

Becker set up his critical break in the ninth game of the second set with a bullet-fast cross-court backhand passing shot that McEnroe hardly saw at the net.

"That was probably the hardest passing shot I've ever seen on that big point," McEnroe said. "He couldn't have hit it more perfect."

Becker said it was the hardest backhand he could remember hitting.

"If John had been there in the middle it would have gone through him and made a hole," he joked.

West German rose to the occasion on every big point.

Twice McEnroe reached triple break point only to watch Becker climb back from 0-40 to deuce. Becker, who broke the 30-year-old American in the third game, saved nine opening set.

"I'm not out of it when it's

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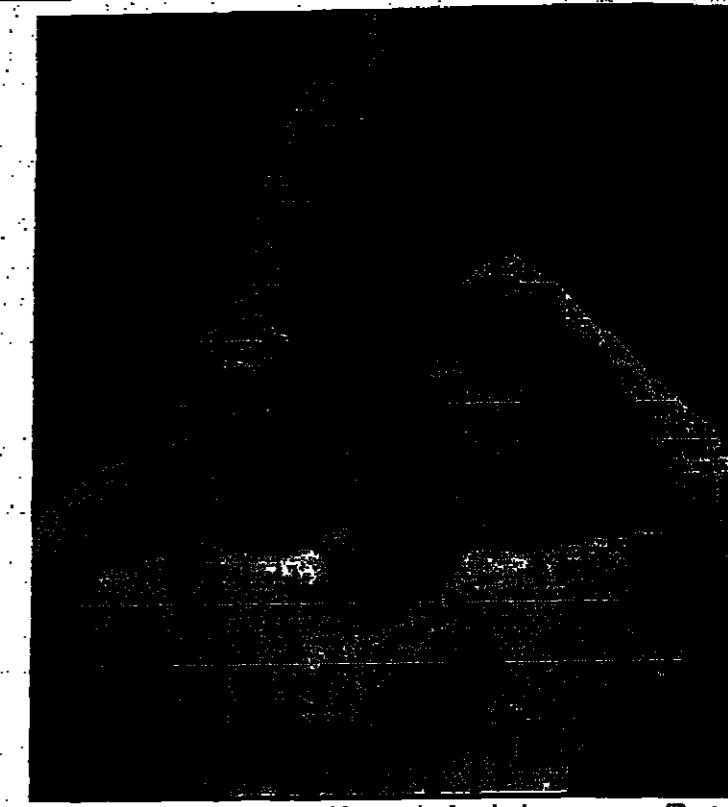
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Lendl raises his arms in the air, disagreeing with the referee. (Reuter wirephoto)



Speelman upsets world champion

LONDON, Dec 3. (AP): British grandmaster Jonathan Speelman scored a surprise victory yesterday over world champion Garry Kasparov in the semi-final of the European Speed Chess Championship.

It was the second loss of 1989 for Kasparov, who was playing with the advantage of the white pieces.

"It's good for the soul to lose occasionally," said Nathan Divinsky, a Vancouver chess writer and historian.

Kasparov is expected to pass America's Bobby Fischer as the highest-ranked player in history when the official biannual world ranking list is published on Jan 1.

Experts said the 26-year-old titleholder pressed too hard for victory in a balanced end game position.

On the 44th move, Speelman unleashed an astonishing, and seemingly innocuous rook move, which won a rook and gained an overwhelming advantage.

"I wanted to get more than the position could give," said Kasparov of the game where each player's thinking time was limited to 25 minutes for all the moves.

"It was a very messy game," said the 33-year-old Speelman after Kasparov resigned. "I've never beaten Kasparov, I'm very pleased."

Kasparov's only other loss of 1989 came against fellow Soviet Artur Yusupov in the Barcelona World Cup tournament in April. That game was played at the regular time control of two hours for each player for their first 40 moves.

Yesterday's game was part of a two-day competition organised under the auspices of the 26-member European Chess Union.

The moves were instantly relayed onto electronic video monitors using chips in the board and pieces.

Following a frantic time scramble, Kasparov gave up when Speelman had only two minutes left to complete the game. But experts said it was more than enough for Speelman, a knight and a pawn ahead, to force checkmate.

When Kasparov resigned, spectators in the 135-foot (40-metre) drawing room at the venerable Athenaeum Gentlemen's Club broke into a thunderous ovation.

The moves of the games will not be made available until the games are shown in a series of special programmes on British television in the spring.

In the semi-final, Kasparov, playing against Saturday's Kasparov, defeated 15-year-old Zsolt Polgar, the middle member of a brilliant trio of Hungarian chess-playing sisters, while Speelman knocked out Spanish grandmaster Miguel Illescas.

It was the first clash between Kasparov and any of the sisters. Zsofia's younger sister, Judit, is the strongest 13-year-old player in history and is regarded by some as a possible future challenger for Kasparov's crown.

Asked if he was nervous during the game, Kasparov replied: "I couldn't get it out of my head that I was playing Kasparov."

The other quarterfinals, semifinals and grand final were to be played today.

Matias snatches victory

TOKYO, Dec 3. (AP): Portugal's Manuel Matias today won the Paris Marathon by crossing the finish line 200 metres ahead of his nearest competitor.

Matias, 27, who surprised many by winning his debut-marathon in Paris last year, was the strongest 13-year-old player in history and is regarded by some as a possible future challenger for Kasparov's crown.

Japan's Toru Kozasu was third at 2:12:12 in the unusual winter warmth of southern Japan.

Ethiopian Abebe Mekonen, one of the world's leading marathon runners, was among the front runners from the start. But he faded after the 39-km point, also suffering from stomach-ache.

"I only aimed at winning this marathon on all Portuguese runners' honour, who in the past could score no impressive records here," said

He finished a disappointing seventh behind Japan's Takahiro Iizumi and West German Konrad Dobler.

Elton John to sell his shares

LONDON, Dec 3. (AP): Pop star Elton John is selling his shareholding in Watford soccer club and giving up the chairmanship he has held for 12 years.

John, 42, rejuvenated the English League club on the northwest outskirts of London when he became its chairman in 1977 after being a board member for three years. He said he had been a fan since he was seven years old.

In 1978, he appointed Graham Taylor as manager, and Taylor took Watford from the Fourth Division to the first in five seasons.

John then turned down the club's offer to repay the £1.2 million (\$2.1 million) he had lent it.

Watford dropped back to the Second Division at the end of the 1987-88 season.

Two sent off as Barcelona lose

MADRID, Dec 3. (Reuter): Two players were sent off and eight booked as Valencia came from behind to beat Barcelona and leapfrog above them into second place in the Spanish First Division yesterday.

The ill-tempered match came to the boil in the 81st minute when Valencia's Emilio Penello was dismissed by referee Lopez Nieto for a foul on goalkeeper Andoni Zubizarreta.

Four minutes later Barcelona's Julio Alberto was sent off for repeated dissent.

Valencia's hopes of beating Barcelona for the first time at home for six seasons took an early knock when Julio Salinas scored for the visitors after only five minutes.

Valencia equalised in the 50th minute when Salvador Boro headed home after being set up by Carlos Arroyo.



World Cup trophy

A security guard keeps an eye on the World Cup trophy of the International Football Association (Fifa) during an exhibition in Buenos Aires on Saturday. The 18-karat gold trophy will be sent to Rome for the 1990 Soccer World Cup finals. (Reuter wirephoto)

Beasant does England prospects no good

LONDON, Dec 3. (Reuter): Chelsea goalkeeper Dave Beasant fumbled when dropped his kitbag as he emerged from the Stamford Bridge dressing room. He was hardly surprised.

Having conceded five goals against his former Wimbledon team mates as Chelsea's 28-game unbeaten home record came to a brutal end, Beasant was ready to question his ability to catch a bus.

"That just about sums up my day," he said.

Beasant's performance was capped by a bizarre finale. He allowed a back header from team mate Graham Roberts to drop through his hands for Wimbledon's Alan Cork to complete the 5-2 rout.

"It has to be my most embarrassing moment," Beasant said of the final goal, which sealed Chelsea's first home defeat in 15 months. "The ball came down straight and I think it brushed the head of Graham Roberts but I just missed it."

"I must have taken my eye off it and Alan Cork didn't even challenge me. Somebody had to shout to him to turn round and head the ball in."

Beasant, hoping for a place in



Beasant (left) fights off a challenge from City's Colin Hendry. (Reuter wirephoto)

chester City 4-1.

Welsh international striker Ian Rush shot Liverpool ahead in the eighth minute after city goalkeeper Andy Dibble had blocked Dane Jan Molby's effort.

The Manchester side, who have won just one of their last eight matches, held their own for the remainder of the half but then went 2-0 down to a superb solo goal by England striker Peter Beardsley three minutes after halftime.

Steve McMahon hit the third 10 minutes later before Clive Allen pulled one back for City from the penalty spot. Rush completed the scoring three minutes from time with his ninth goal of the season.

England striker David Platt scored Villa's winner in their 2-1 triumph over Nottingham Forest which extended their impressive record to eight wins from their last nine games.

In Scotland, England winger Mark Walters was sent off in the last minute as Rangers hit back to beat Hearts 2-1 and close the gap on Premier Division leaders Aberdeen. They lost 1-0 against Celtic but still head the table on goal difference.

Chelsea manager Bobby Campbell refused to blame Beasant for the humiliating defeat. Why should I say anything about Dave Beasant — there were 10 other players in front of him."

Campbell was clearly unhappy with a miserable performance by his defence which previously had conceded only six goals at home in the League all season.

Liverpool, fifth in the table six points off the lead just two weeks ago, crushed managerless Man-



Snowden: 4 for 18

Casuals outplay Hubara

CASUALS kept up their recent run of success against Hubara when they knocked them out of the Friday Cup this weekend at Ahmadi. The match was a particular success for Richard Snowden (4 for 18) and Andrew Pinho (30 no).

Hubara made first use of the wicket and skipper Craig Shipton must have been impressed with his view of the delivery which clean bowled his partner, Dave Talbot, without scoring. It was Snowden's first from a venomous spell of fast bowling, and to show it was no fluke he delivered the same ball to Shipton (26) shortly after. The result was the same and with his stump all around him Hubara's skipper began the lonely walk back.

Peter Hunt (4) soon found out that Andrew Pinho could bowl a similar delivery and his defensive shot was not good enough to prevent the stump taking further damage. When Lasanta took two fine catches to dismiss Hisham (5) and Patel (7), Hubara could have done without Snowden increasing his tally with Burton's wicket, a first ball lbw. Hubara were reeling on 48 for six before Martin Coulson (28) and Australian Fitzpatrick (14) began to repair the damage with some lusty blows.

Seward's second wicket broke the partnership but John McConville (32) showed how well he can bat with a well built score. Hubara finally finished with a respectable 141 of their 30 overs.

In reply, Casuals never really looked like losing their grip despite the early setback of second Seward (7) run out. Hubara showed their joy at such a key wicket but the joy was short-lived when Andrew Pinho began sending the ball to all parts of the ground. He used up partners John Arton-Powell (5) and Dave Short (2) before Snowden (17) played a sensible role in a partnership of 68.

Hubara could only watch as Pinho struck eleven 4's before capping his performance by striking the luckless Shipton for six to bring the scores level with two overs to spare. Adi Selvaratnam (3) had to do nothing but watch the winning boundary streak away.

Takahashi and Dickens win

SUZUKA, Japan, Dec 3. (AP): Stanley Dickens of Sweden and Kuniyoshi Takahashi of Japan today drove their Porsche 962C to victory in the All-Japan Prototype Championship.

The Dickens and Takahashi team covered 171 laps over the 5.859 kilometre (3.633-mile) Suzuka international circuit in central Japan in five hours, 56 minutes, 36.702 seconds at an average speed of 168.388 kilometres (104.4 miles) an hour.

Driving a Toyota 89C-V, Hitoshi Ogawa of Japan and Geoff Lees of Britain came in second in 5:57.56.632.

Lyle heads Sun City field Senior clinches title

MELBOURNE, Dec 3. (Reuters): Peter Senior scored the biggest of his 10 professional wins by capturing the \$390,000 Australian Open golf championship by seven strokes today.

Senior, 30, led from the second day of his country's top golf event, beating fellow countrymen Peter Fowler and Brett Ogle into second and third places.

Senior, ranked 43rd in the world, had only two bogeys in his rounds of 66 66 69 70 for a 17-under 271 total over the wind-affected 6,231-metre Kingston Heath course.

Senior, winner of the Australian PGA last month, won \$73,000.

He said of his final round "I had well over the first few holes and knew that the rest would have to shoot a course record to beat me."

Fowler carded a final round of three-under-par 69 for a total of 72, and Ogle, who also shot a 69 today, finished one stroke further back.

But the "big guns" failed to fire as the wind and quickening greens played havoc after the calm first day.

American Mark Calcavecchia, the defending Australian Open champion and the British Open winner, finished only four strokes behind.

Calcavecchia, who was lying second overnight, began the day with a double bogey six on the first hole after skidding his

second shot past the back of the green. He had a disappointing final round of 75.

Britain's Nick Faldo, the US Masters champion, had consecutive birdies on the third, fourth and fifth holes. He shot a final round of 72 for fifth place at 281.

Reigning US Open champion Curtis Strange, who opened with a course record equaling 65, played erratically from that point onwards.

He followed with rounds of 71 and 73 but started the final day at seven under, with a chance of gaining at least second spot.

He finished with a 75 after double bogeying the fourth and

finished at 284.

From the first day, Greg Norman, the world's top player and the 5-1 favourite, played wayward iron shots and finished with a 77 final round for 290.

■ In Largo, Fla., Gene Sauers and Beth Daniel combined for a nine-under par 63 yesterday to earn a share of the lead with Jay Don Blake and Tracy Kerdyk on 199 after three rounds of the \$1 million Mixed Team Tournament.

Sauers and Daniel, who had not played together until this week, matched the low round for the championship for PGA and LPGA players set by Blake and Kerdyk in the opening round of



Strange takes a break during his round. (Reuters wirephoto)

the event at the Bardmoor Country Club.

Duffy Waldorf and Patty Sheehan held third place just one shot out of the lead, with Bill Glasson and Pat Bradley another stroke behind.

Sauers only entered the event as a late replacement for Davis Love who was diagnosed as suffering from a broken hand.

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The tournament is, as usual, tinged by controversy over whether foreign players should compete in South Africa, generally isolated from international sport because of its apartheid policies.

W. German scores first Cup victory

VAIL, Colorado, Dec 3. (AP): West Germany's Regina Moeslechner, taking a more relaxed approach to skiing, posted the first victory of her 15-year World Cup career yesterday in the women's Super Giant Slalom on Vail Mountain.

Moeslechner, 28, edged Austrian Sigrid Wolf by 29-hundredths of a second. West Germany's Michaela Gerg wound up third after Katrin Gutensohn-Knopp was disqualified for missing a gate near the finish.

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Mader makes a turn on his way to the title. (Reuters wirephoto)



Moeslechner (centre) with Wolf (left) and Gerg. (Reuters wirephoto)

Evergreen rout Falcon

EVERGREEN brushed aside Falcon in a one-sided Shabbir Memorial Trophy cricket tournament match at the EPI ground on Friday morning.

Put into bat, Falcon were soon reduced to 38 for five in only seven overs with Shahid Butt teasing all the batsmen with sheer pace and stunning accuracy.

Shahid removed Adnan Mirza, Sajjad, Dawood Baig and Khalid Zaidi at the other end, Arshed Pindival took a return catch to dismiss Zaidi Butt.

Riffat and Amin Ahsan stopped the rot and gave respectability to the total Riffat hit a six and three fours in his 55 runs while Amin Ahsan hit 27. The Falcon innings closed at 160 in 25 overs for the loss of seven wickets.

For Evergreen Shahid Butt had four for 28 while Aqueel and Arshed Pindival got two and one wicket respectively.

Needing 6.44 per over, Evergreen opened their innings through the ever dependable Nasir and Waqar Zaidi, who was stumped off Sherazai with the score 23. The arrival of Aslam Pervez raised the run-rate. He treated all the bowlers with complete authority and smashed the ball at will; spraying it all over the ground. He hit seven sixes, one each of all the bowlers used except Amin, and was finally stumped off Zaidi Butt after swashbuckling 84 runs, with seven huge sixes and three boundaries.

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Aslam Pervez



Shahid Butt

Pittsburgh beat Rutgers

DUBLIN, Ireland, Dec 3. (AP): Running back Curvin Richards caught a pair of touchdown passes from Alex van Pelt and added another score on a 1-yard run as 24th-ranked Pittsburgh overpowered Rutgers 46-29 yesterday in the Emerald Isle Classic.

Adam Walker added a pair of rushing touchdowns as the Panthers completed their regular season at 7-

3-1. Rutgers (2-7-2) finished with seven consecutive losses.

Van Pelt, a redshirt freshman, completed 15 of 28 passes for 336 yards for his third 300-yard passing performance of the season. Rutgers quarterback Scott Enzey, a fifth-year senior, closed his college career by completing 20 of 37 passes for 240 yards.

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■ Tyne Tees P.P. slipped back to 6th, now without a win for 6 weeks, going down this time to Cottar House. All 8 players made high scores, the pick being Martyn Rix' 140 and 2100's. Diane Sims had 2 MM trebles but couldn't stop Tyne Teasers losing as well, as they now slip 6 points behind the League leader.

The full Mouschel Monday Darts League scores were as follows, with ladies scores in brackets:

Monroes (4) 4 Ragamuffins (0) 2 Tyne Tees P.P. (1) 2 Cottar House (3) 4 Baggis 3 Exiles 3 T.C.F. (1) 1 Campion (3) 5 Stars of Years (1) 1 Brahm & Lizz (3) 5

Standings

Monday Men's League

	L	W	D	GF	GA	Pts
Baggis	8	6	2	34	12	14
Monroes	9	5	1	37	17	14
Exiles	9	4	3	31	23	11
Campion	9	4	3	30	24	11
Cottar House	9	4	2	27	27	10
T.C.F.	9	2	4	28	8	8
Tyne Tees P.P.	9	2	4	19	29	6
Ragamuffins	5	1	2	21	33	6
Brahm & Lizz	5	1	2	21	33	6
T.C.F.	9	0	0	9	45	0
Stars of Y	9	0	0	9	45	0

SPORTS

Pace trio keep Queensland on victory course

SYDNEY, Dec 3 (Reuters): Pace trio Carl Rackemann, Craig McDermott and Dirk Tazelaar claimed all nine New South Wales wickets to fall as Queensland stayed on course for victory in their Sheffield Shield cricket match today.

New South Wales were all out for 211 in their second innings and Queensland,

needing 164 to win, scored nine without loss before rain forced an early close on the third day of the four-day game in Newcastle.

New South Wales, 48 behind on first innings and reduced to 10 men after paceman Mike Whitney broke his arm while batting on the first day. Collapsed

from their overnight 45 for one to 88 for five. A stubborn 69 by Mark O'Neill gave their final total a measure of respectability.

Rackemann ended with four for 31, including brothers Steve and Mark Waugh, while McDermott took three for 65 for a match return of nine for 142.

A painstaking 89 not out in 423 minutes

by Greg Shippard steered Tasmania to 239 for two in reply to Victoria's 425 for nine declared at the close of the third day.

Shippard shared an 89-run opening partnership with Richard Bennett (47), added 79 for the second wicket with Jamie Cox (45) and then put on 80 in an unbroken third wicket stand with Rod Tucker (45).

Rameez, Aamer spur Pakistan

Qadir restricts India to 509

LAHORE, Pakistan, Dec 3. (Reuters): Openers Aamer Malik and Rameez Raja shared their second consecutive century partnership as Pakistan responded strongly to India's first Innings of 509 in the third cricket Test today.

Aamer, who hit an unbeaten 60, and Rameez, with 62, put on exactly 100 to spur Pakistan to 159 for one when fading light ended play a few minutes early on the third day.

Pakistan's first target when play resumes on Tuesday after tomorrow's rest day will be to make a further 151 to avoid having to follow on — a task that should pose few problems on a balanced pitch.

The bat of the Pakistanis, who were held to a draw in each of the first two Tests of the four-match series, set the seal on an excellent day for Imran Khan's team, who had swiftly wrapped up India's innings in the morning.

Aamer and Rameez, who put on 105 in the second Test in



Cadir took three for 11 in nine overs

Faislabad, again launched the innings solidly. Rameez was the dominant partner, making his runs off 110 balls with six fours before he pushed loosely at paceman Manoj Prabhakar and

was caught behind by Kiran More.

Aamer and Salim Malik, 30 not out, consolidated with an unbroken second wicket stand of 59.

Leg-spinner Abdul Qadir was the key figure for Pakistan in the first session, snapping up three for 11 in nine overs as India's last five wickets tumbled for 51, after they resumed at 458 for five.

Prabhakar was run out for 45, ending a stand of 91 for the sixth wicket with Sachin Tendulkar, who was bowled by Qadir for 41. When the wrist spinner also bowled Kapil Dev for one, three wickets had crashed for three runs.

Qadir's third dismissal of the morning accounted for Arshad Ayub, breaking a ninth wicket stand of 39 with More, while Imran dispatched Maninder Singh to end the 750-minute innnings.

India's total beat their previous highest for a Test in Pakistan of exactly 500 in Faislabad in the 1984-85 series.

Scoreboard

INDIA first innings (overnight 458 for five): K. Srikanth b Wasim Akram 0 N. Sidhu lbw b Imran 4 S. Manjrekar run out 215 M. Azharuddin c Abbas b

Mahboob 77 R. Shastri c Miandad b Mahboob 61 M. Prabhakar run out 45 S. Tendulkar b Qadir 41 Kapil Dev b Qadir 1 K. More not out 26 A. Ayub c sub (Ejaz) b Cadir 10 Maninder Singh c Akram - Raza b Imran 0 Extras (b-4 lb-1 nb-2 w-1) 26 Total 509

Fall of wickets: 1-2 5-3 154 4-340

5-7 6-86 7-468 8-469 9-508

Bowling: Imran 50-2-13-130-2

Wasim Akram 24-6-85-1, Shahid

Mahboob 49-12-131-2, Akram Raza

18-3-58-0, Qadir 35-8-97-3, Salim

Malik 1-0-2, Aamer Malik 1-0-3-0.

PAKISTAN first innings

Aamer Malik not out 60

Rameez Raja c More b Prabhakar 30

Salim Malik not out 30

Extras (b-1 lb-1 nb-4) 6

Total (one wicket) 159

Fall of wicket: 1-100

To bat: Shoaib Mohammad, Javed

Miandad, Imran Khan (captain),

Wasim Akram, Nadeem Abbasi,

Abdul Qadir, Akram Raza, Shahid

Mahboob.

Bowling (to date): Kapil Dev 11-2

30-0, Prabhakar 15-1-41-1, Maninder Singh 18-4-2-51-0, Ayub 9-35-0.



Rameez dominated the opening partnership

Bishop continues to punish touring teams

ADELAIDE, Australia, Dec 3. (Reuters): South Australian opener Glenn Bishop continued his prolific form against touring cricket teams by hitting an unbeaten 145 on the third day of the four-day match against Sri Lanka today.

Bishop, supported by exactly 50 from his captain David Hookes and a raid 74 not out by Darren Lehmann, spurred South Australia to 340 for three at the close after Sri Lanka declared at their overnight 274 for five.

Bishop's century sustained his successful comeback after being dropped by the state team towards the end of last season and underlined his appetite for runs against the bowling of touring sides.

His innings followed scores of 173 and 26 not out against New Zealand here two weeks ago. He also made 202 for South Australia when the New Zealanders toured in 1985 and 123 in the corresponding fixture in 1987.

Bishop's 145 occupied 359 minutes in which he faced 264 balls and struck 12 boundaries. He put on 106 for the third wicket with ex-Test batsman Hookes whose first and last scoring shots were sixes.

The tempo was boosted during an unbroken fourth wicket partnership of 119 in 98 minutes between Bishop and Lehmann, who

made his runs from 84 deliveries.

After his side had surged to a lead of 66 with seven first innings wickets in hand, Hookes had some advice for Sri Lanka ahead of their first Test against Australia starting in Brisbane on Friday.

"They've got to bowl a good line and length — particularly the length — and not give the Aussies anything to drive or play square of the wicket," he said.

"They must be disciplined enough to do it all day and they must keep it tight so the Australians have to make the running."

Scoreboard

SRI LANKA first innings 274 for five (overnight declared) (A. Gurusinghe 109, Aravinda de Silva 54)

SOUTH AUSTRALIA first innings

A. Hilditch c Gurusinghe 1

G. Bishop not out 145

P. Nobes c Gurusinghe 45

D. Hookes c Gurusinghe 50

D. Hookes c Gurusinghe 50

D. Lehmann not out 74

Extras (lb-3 nb-14) 17

Total (three wickets) 340

Fall of wicket: 1-25 2-115 3-221

To bat: P. Sleep, D. Berry, A. Zegers, P. Gladigau, C. Miller, C. Francis

Bowling to date: Ratnayake 12-1-

44-1 (5nb), Labrooy 18-4-52-0 (4nb), Ramadas 15-0-106-0, Asoka de Silva 31-6-106-2 (4nb), Aravinda de Silva 8-0-35-0 (1nb), Jayasuriya 6-0-30-0.

Singles finals

TACHIKAWA, Japan, Dec 3. (AP): Top-seeded Kim Sung-Soo of South Korea and third-seeded Otto Smith of the United States will face each other in the men's singles finals after winning their semifinal matches yesterday.

Top manager

LONDON, Dec 3. (UPI): Aston Villa soccer club manager Graham Taylor has been voted November's English League manager of the month. During the month, Villa recorded a 6-2 victory over Everton and moved up to 2nd place in the League, level on points with leaders Liverpool.

Theurer returns

SALZBURG, Austria, Dec 3. (UPI): Former Olympic equestrian champion Elisabeth Theurer, who retired from the sport after winning gold at the 1980 Moscow Games in the dressage events, said she is back in the training arena well in time for the world championships in Stockholm next summer.

British soccer

LONDON, Dec 3. (Reuters): Results of English League soccer matches played today:

Division One

Arsenal 1 M United 0

Division Three

Brentford 4 Leyton Orient 3

Italian soccer

ROME, Dec 3. (Reuters): Results of Italian First Division matches played today.

Cesena 2 Inter 3

Cremonese 2 Juventus 2

Fiorentina 1 Roma 2

Genoa 0 Verona 2

Lazio 2 Bari 2

Lecce 0 Sampdoria 0

AC Milan 1 Bologna 0

Napoli 3 Atlanta 1

Udinese 2 Ascoli 0

BRIDGE

RESULTS of the Hubara Bridge Club game played on Saturday: N/S

1. Nabil Akel & S. Chaudhry

2. Shanti & George

3. Aurora & El Baz

E/W

1. M. Merchant & Carsten

2. Capt. Salman Ali & George

3. Lollo Murthwaite & Dona Materny

Breland spars for fight

TOKYO, Dec 3. (AP): Champion Mark Breland of the United States yesterday completed his first sparring session in Japan and declared he will defend his World Boxing Association welterweight title with a decision or a knockout.

Breland, the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic gold medalist, meets Japanese challenger Fumio Ozaki, the WBA's top ranked contender, in a 12-round title bout at Tokyo's Korakuen Hall on Dec. 10.

Breland sparred with American partner Roosevelt Walker for three rounds at the Teiken Gym in Tokyo after hitting a punching ball and doing muscle relaxing exercises.

Breland unleashed powerful rights and one-two combinations, while Walker fought back with heavy punches and forced the champion to the corner in the

first round.

Breland attacked Walker's face with a one-two punch.

After the session, Walker, who has won 11 fights, four of them knockouts, and who has never lost, said, "he (Breland) is very tough, and his most powerful punch is his right."

Breland said, "it's my first sparring session in a week. I feel great and nothing is wrong. My sparring partner was very good. I expect a tough match with Ozaki, but I will definitely win the match whatever — a decision or a KO."



Adeberg triumphs

East German Peter Adeberg on his way to victory in the 1,500 metres race in the World Cup Speed Skating in The Hague on Saturday evening. (Reuter wirephoto)

Comaneci's whereabouts unknown



Nadia Comaneci

noon. But the captain of the flight Comaneci was scheduled to take said she had cancelled her plans.

"Nadia was to be with us on our flight but...she decided to stay in New York," said Capt Conrad Goshoff. "At the last minute, they said she's not coming."

Comaneci reportedly spent Friday night in New York, but there had been varying reports about her plans for yesterday. Initially, it was believed she was going to Miami, but other reports had Comaneci flying to Indianapolis, Houston or Orlando, Florida.

Indianapolis is where the US Gymnastics Federation is based, while Comaneci's former Romanian coach, Bela Karolyi, now is a US citizen and is based in Houston.

According to another Romanian exile, John Boularca of Davie, Florida, Comaneci was coming to Florida to stay with Konstantin Pantil and his family.

Pantil accompanied Comaneci at her news conference Friday; he lives with his wife and three children in a community of Romanians in south Florida.

Comaneci was 14 years old when she became the first gymnast ever to score a perfect 10 at

the 1976 Montreal Olympics.

She has won 10 world titles.

brought him back.